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Major calls for rethink over testing in schools

■ The Government is seeking a compromise over school testing that will unite parents and isolate the teaching *unions who are opposing tests*

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND PETER RIDDELL

JOHN Major is examining compromise proposals on school tests to win over parents and moderate teachers in the wake of the Conservative drubbing at the polls last Thursday.

This year's tests, which face a boycott from teachers, may be downgraded. Ministers hope this will not halt the momentum of the education reforms.

The move follows a Downing Street discussion yesterday between Mr Major and party advisers on how to respond to the worries of voters. A Downing Street adviser said: "We have clearly got to make changes. We have to carry the parents with us."



Jitters about government reaction, left Sterling at its lowest level since early April, losing nearly four cents against the dollar and more than two pfennigs against the German mark despite more encouraging economic statistics pointing to an ideal combination of recovery with low inflation..... Page 21

John Patten, the education secretary, said yesterday that the government would press ahead with testing despite newspaper surveys showing that parents support the boycott. "If we were to bring these reforms juddering to a halt now, I believe we will find them extremely difficult to get back on the road again," he said.

Despite his remarks, Downing Street insiders made plain that compromise plans were being examined with the aim of isolating the teaching unions, which are strongly opposed to the tests, and retrieving the support of parents, governors and head teachers, without whom the government would find it difficult to proceed.

One option being studied is to make this year's tests consultative, with the aim of assisting Sir Ronald Dearing in his review of the national curriculum. The indication of a shift on one of the thorniest issues facing the government came as it came under renewed criticism from some Tory MPs for its Budget plans to impose VAT on fuel bills.

As senior ministers tried to control the recriminations and disarray in the Tory party since the shire counties and Newbury by-election polls, a succession of MPs rose during a Commons debate on the plans to demand help for poorer pensioners to offset the VAT rises. At least one Tory MP, William Powell, was planning to vote against the government in last night's division.

As Tory MPs returned to Westminster after an uncomfortable weekend in their constituencies, there was a growing clamour for the prime minister to carry out an early summer reshuffle involving the removal of Norman Lamont as Chancellor.

With ministers now recognising that they made a serious misjudgment in triumphantly proclaiming the end of the recession before people began to feel the benefits, Mr Major will tell Scottish Tories on Friday that the government understands the need to broaden and strengthen the recovery and to respond to voters' worries, particularly on law and order and cutting government red tape on business.

Mr Major yesterday held a brief inquest with Sir Norman Fowler, the Tory party chairman, over Thursday's poll setbacks. Sir Norman made plain there was no question of an immediate reshuffle but government sources disclosed that the option of wider than expected changes in July, including in the cabinet, was a live one.

He said: "We did not talk about a change of policies or personnel. We are not in the business of instant policy and instant reactions." Taking a sideswipe at the Tory Euro-rebels, he said: "It has not helped that the party has been seen to be disunited in the Commons."

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Picking her moment: Rebecca Stephens, climbing Everest, was delayed yesterday to aid an exhausted colleague

BY NICHOLAS WATT

REBECCA Stephens, attempting to become the first British woman to climb Everest, delayed her assault on the mountain's final 3,000ft last night to care for a team-mate whose condition deteriorated after he reached the summit without oxygen supplies.

Rebecca Stephens and her colleague John Barry helped an exhausted Harry Taylor down the mountain after he returned to the expedition's fourth camp at 26,000ft, where they were huddled in hurricane-force winds. Karen Paterson, a spokeswoman for the expedition, said: "Harry has not had any oxygen supplies for three nights and is not in great shape. They are taking him down to the expedition's third camp at 24,500ft where other team members will look after him." The two were then planning to continue their climb tonight.

Everest yesterday experienced its busiest day when a record 37 climbers from all over the world reached the summit. The mountaineers, from seven different expeditions, beat the previous record of 32 set last May. But Lord Hunt of Llanfair Waterdine, who led the 1953 British expedition, said that so many climbers were spoiling the mountain.

"The record of 37 climbers is not one to be proud of," he said. "They take away from the mystique, the mystery and magic of Everest. The mountain is an appalling sight with all the litter left by climbers. It is also horrifying that human bodies are left there."

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UK and France under US fire for delays over Bosnia

BY MARTIN FLETCHER AND ROSEMARY RIGHTER

BRITAIN and France came under attack from both the United States and Nato yesterday for their unwillingness to take decisive military action over Bosnia.

In a continuing spate of unfavourable comment in the American press, one commentator wrote that next time Washington's assistance was required in another Falklands-type situation, the United States might take months to make up its mind.

Manfred Wörner, the Nato secretary-general, speaking in Venice, referred with some exasperation to the "successive delays" over Bosnia, and the lack of political will. He said that this generation had an opportunity no other generation in Europe had had before to create lasting stability, and simply could not afford to fail.

"We have the tools to do the job. So if we were to fail, we would have no excuse. So let us hope that we find the courage to assume our responsibilities." He said a classic peacekeeping mandate for Nato would be wholly inadequate. Nato, he said, would need a mandate "going beyond Unprofor [the United Nations protection force]".

In a speech to the International Press Institute's annual assembly yesterday, he said: "I told Dr Boutros Ghali [the UN secretary-general] two weeks ago that Nato cannot help if it believes the UN mandate is inadequate. If Nato has to implement the Vance-Owen plan, we can only do it efficiently if we have unified command *and* the necessary rules of engagement." Asked if this meant the capacity to enforce peace, he said that it must include powers of enforcement: "I simply cannot imagine Nato forces being confronted by a few guerillas; and turning back. That means the mandate to use force if parties will not abide by the peace agreement."

The White House admitted yesterday that its plans for intervention to end the conflict were "in a holding period" as President Clinton pondered a question that no US president has had to face in 45 years: what should America do when European allies refuse to follow its lead?

"We don't expect any action in the immediate future," said Dee Dee Myers, the White House spokeswoman. Privately, administration officials contemptuously accused Europeans of seizing any excuse to procrastinate over the Bosnian conflict, a charge British sources angrily dismissed as "quite insulting".



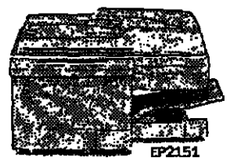
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William Safire of *The New York Times* said Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, had shown himself "a limp noodle of a persuader. He did not dare point out to Bonn and Paris that it would presage the pullout of US from Europe; to London that in the next Falklands-type episode we'll need a few months to think things over."

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The Independent faces bid

BY BRIAN MACARTHUR AND ALEXANDRA FREAN

URGENT moves to appoint a new chairman of Newspaper Publishing, owners of *The Independent* and *The Independent on Sunday*, are being made as *El Pais* and *La Repubblica*, the Spanish and Italian newspaper groups, prepare to mount a takeover bid, City sources reported last night.

The continental papers have formally indicated that they each wish to increase their individual stakes in Newspaper Publishing from 18.6 per cent to 25 per cent, a proposal made with the rider that a British institution should take another 25 per cent. They are increasingly anxious about the erosion in the value of their shares, which were bought at £5 in 1990 at a total cost of £21 million.

Suspicions that the continental shareholders may be acting in concert were aroused at the weekend when it was disclosed that Cerruti, an Italian printing company which supplies machinery to *La Repubblica*, had bought a 2.4 per cent stake from John Talbot, the Arthur Andersen administrator of Robert Maxwell's private interests. Staff at *The Independent* believe that the £1.90 per share paid by Cerruti substantially undervalues Newspaper Publishing, which has traded profitably during the past year.

The post of chairman of Newspaper Publishing is temporarily vacant after the sudden resignation last week of Sir Ralf Dahrendorf, warden of St Anthony's College, Oxford. Sir Ralf said he had not approved of *The Independent*'s bid to buy the *Observer* and effectively to close it down.

Staff at *The Independent* are becoming increasingly irritated by the predatory ambitions of the Italians and the Spanish. The continentals should either launch a full takeover bid paying a realistic value for the shares or withdraw, they say.

That irritation is another reason why they are seeking to appoint a strong chairman who understands the City and who will ensure fair play for all shareholders, including the many staff with shares or share options. Names being canvassed include all three non-executive directors, among them Ian Hay Davison.

Orkney suspends its social services chief

BY RAY CLANCY

PAUL Lee, the director of social work for the Orkney Islands, was suspended yesterday over his role in the child sex abuse scandal that led to the removal of nine children from their homes in dawn raids in February 1991.

The decision by Orkney Islands Council to suspend him on full pay pending disciplinary action is its first admission that errors of judgment were made during the affair, which was the subject of a judicial enquiry by Lord Clyde last year. The move was last night hailed as a positive step towards reconciliation between the people of South Ronaldsay and the council, but the parents involved said it was not enough. The council's decision could none the less open the floodgates for compensation claims currently being considered by some of the parents.

A temporary director from outside Orkney is to be appointed to take over from Mr Lee. Whoever does so will have to take action on the recommendations in the just published internal council report on the affair which includes an admission that a "bad mistake" was made.

Mr Lee, 44, was not available for comment last night. He no longer lives on the island and has been commuting weekly from the mainland for some time.

Mr M, whose two sons were taken in the raids and who still cannot be identified for legal reasons, said he believed Mr Lee was being made a scape-

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Tory MPs urge measures to win back alienated voters

BY NICHOLAS WOOD
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MINISTERS were being offered a range of miracle cures yesterday as MPs conducted their own inquest into the government's humiliation in last week's elections. Scrapping school tests this summer, lifting the threat of VAT on domestic fuel bills and sidelining British Rail privatisation were all suggested.

But after a weekend in their constituencies counting the corpses after the county council polls and recoiling from the shock of Newbury, most Tory MPs recognise that the government will not repair its tattered reputation with a couple of quick fixes.

Most MPs appeared yesterday to be in agreement with Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, who gave a warning that abandoning policies wholesale would destroy the government's waning credibility. Nevertheless, they do want some concessions to the public mood, not least in policies on education, crime, and privatisation.

☐ **Education:** John Patten, the education secretary, is widely blamed by Conservative MPs for not anticipating the scale of hostility to classroom tests, for not moving faster to make changes and concessions and for not doing more to persuade parents, moderate teachers and the media of the merits of the reform.

Many backbenchers accept that Mr Patten has staked too much of his personal credibility on saying that the tests should go ahead for him to back down now. But they believe he could soften the focus, making it clear that he will not attempt to put teachers under an indisputable legal duty to carry them out or penalise those who refuse. The education secretary could also expedite the independent review of the testing system and treat this year's inevitably patchy set of results as no more than a contribution to the main business of sorting out the mess.

☐ **Law and Order:** Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, needs to respond to vociferous demands from the Conservative grass-roots for the government to get tough on crime and criminals.

The 1991 Criminal Justice Act, with its lottery of penalties for minor offences and widely resented curbs on the powers of judges to sentence offenders in the light of their previous convictions, will be revised. Persistent teenage offenders will also face custodial sentences.

☐ **Privatisation:** Few Conservatives are calling for the railway privatisation bill, which is now before the Commons, to be scrapped, but many MPs believe that its implementation should be slowed down. One way to do this would be for the government to franchise out a few lines initially and wait until there is some solid evidence of success before going further. John MacGregor, the transport secretary, is under pressure to do more to allay public fears that the upheaval will mean higher fares and fewer trains.

Post Office privatisation is also causing concern among Tory backbenchers, not least because of the danger it presents to the national network of sub-post offices, vital in many rural areas. Only hardline free-marketeers will protest if, as expected, the measure fails to make the next Queen's speech.

☐ **Social security:** Raising the pension age for women to 65, which would save taxpayers £3 billion in the long run, is seen as unpopular but probably necessary. Most Conservative MPs will be relieved if the government postpones the legislative day of reckoning until 1994/95, when it plans to bring forward a big pensions bill that would also close the legal loopholes that were exposed by the Maxwell scandal.

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Let bellowing be a lesson for you

Poor David Rendel, the Liberal Democrat victor from Newbury, entered the chamber in triumph yesterday to a just-audible cheer from six Liberals. After the pomp and circumstance of the Berkshire by-election hustings, he will find Westminster rather a come-down.

If Mr Rendel wants to hang on to Newbury, I have an instructive tale for him. Its hero is no better, and no worse, than any other MP: just noisier. "MP BLASTS RIVERS BOSSES!" said a recent edition of the *Welwyn & Hatfield Times*. Pin back your ears, then, as David Evans (C, Welwyn Hatfield) prepares to blast.

Roll up your trousers, too, for our story starts underwater in Warrengate Road, N Mimms, in 1928, where the Mimmshall brook rose to flood 18 homes. Over the next 68 years it did so again and again. But nothing was done. Now, put your shoes back on and follow me to the Commons, rather before midnight on December 10 last. The chamber is almost empty except for the minister responsible, the genial Nicholas Soames, and Mr Evans, who is on his feet.

Let me explain. Since being elected, Evans has been bullying the poor chairman of the National Rivers Authority, Lord Crickhowell, into visiting Warrengate Road himself. October 23, 1992: "It is insufficient for you to wash your hands with a wishy-washy reply ...". November 10: "Yet another wishy-washy reply ...". November 19: "You are *not au fait* with the facts ...". And then the ominous: "Should I not receive an immediate response, the matter will be brought to the floor of the House with all the energy I can summon."

Those who know the bull-necked, bullfrog-voiced ex-chairman of Luton Town football club, scourge of dole scroungers and hammer of the Left (i.e. most of his own party), know that all the energy he can summon is a lot. Soames quails. Evans rises.

"Sir! My constituents have been waiting for some action since 1928 ... I take you back to 1955 ... *Rock Around the Clock* was the best-selling single, Churchill was succeeded by Eden, 1955 was also the year when the residents of Warrengate Road ...

"... 11 general elections, nine prime ministers, nothing done. Faced with the dangers of flooding, Noah spent 40 days and 40 nights building an ark. Faced with the same problem, the National Rivers Authority, finally, after 64 years, conducted a feasibility study.

"Reading the National Rivers Authority's literature, you would think this was an organisation to rival the United Nations ... my constituents are not river authorities ... the Right Hon Baron Crickhowell of Port Esgob — sounds like something that comes out of the water rather than someone who regulates water — I have news for Lord Crickhowell ... Mr Speaker, let us get a *writ out and let us get this* Crickhowell *man off his* whatsit."

Mr Deputy Speaker: "Order. The hon gentleman is not allowed to speak of members of another place in such derogatory tones."

Enough. Evans now admits that Crickhowell is proving helpful. I passed the member for Welwyn Hatfield in the corridor the other day. "News from Warrengate Road?" I enquired.

"Funny you should ask!" bellowed the man who, asked by the Chancellor last year how the economy was looking from Welwyn, shouted: "f@**z** awful". "We're cracking it. All we need is £2 million from the ministry. We'll get it, mate!"

Newbury's David Rendel, who is an Old Etonian, might care to study the style. It works.

Backbenchers tell Major that he must sack Lamont

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TORY backbenchers sent a clear message to John Major yesterday that he should remove his Chancellor in a summer cabinet reshuffle if he is to restore the political authority of both himself and the government.

On their return to Westminster following last Thursday's disastrous election results, MPs called for clear leadership, party unity and the removal of Norman Lamont this July as a means of winning back public support. Some MPs signalled that Mr Major's own position as party leader was in jeopardy and could be challenged over the next 12 months.

Sir Peter Tapsell, MP for Lindsey East, said: "There is no doubt that the government is extremely unpopular and something has got to be done. I think a cabinet reshuffle in July is almost certain."

Sir Peter said that if things were no better in a year's time he was sure Mr Major would step down if he thought it was in the national interest to do so, without the need for a challenge to his leadership.

One junior minister said it was necessary for Mr Lamont to go from both the Treasury and the government. "In my patch the premature triumphalism from the Treasury about the end of the recession has gone down like a lead balloon," he said. "They wanted some humility and Norman is not the man to give them that. His judgment has been shown to be completely awry — he cannot even handle the good news."

Some Tory MPs blamed the recession for the size of the defeat while others pointed to the government's broken pledges on VAT and a damaging split within the party over Maastricht.

John Watts, chairman of the Commons Treasury and Civil Service select committee, said: "Clearly we need to overcome this lack of unity because of the running sores on Maastricht. Whenever parties are not united, the electorate loses confidence."

One of the new Tory intake said: "John Major was backed as leader by the right of the party, but he is really centre-left. He should sell his own thoughts more and get back to caring Conservatism."

MPs were divided on whether the government should change direction immediately and risk being accused of panic, or whether it should go ahead with unpopular measures such as the tests for 14-year-olds.

Peter Viggers, the MP for Gosport, said some people believed that with Mr Major they would get Thatcherism without the tears. "My view is that we will need to be tougher to achieve our principal objective of a sound and blanced budget."

But much of the blame for Thursday's defeats was directed at Mr Lamont. A parliamentary private secretary to a cabinet minister said the government would get no credit for the end of the recession until the Chancellor went. "As long as he is there people won't believe the recession is over," he said.

Patrick Nicholls, the MP for Teignbridge, described Mr Lamont's "no regrets" comment as the Tory version of Neil Kinnock's triumphalist Sheffield pre-election rally.

"There are a great many people who have lost their jobs or lost their houses, for whom I feel desperately sorry. They are profoundly unhappy about cabinet ministers who do not weigh the human implications of arid economic policy," he said.

Some MPs rallied round Mr Lamont, claiming he should not be made a scapegoat. Sir Michael Grylls, MP for North West Surrey, said voters' treatment of the Conservatives amounted to "kicking the car" to punish them for their hardships.

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CHRIS HARRIS



In the spotlight: John Patten leaves a TV studio in London yesterday. Pressure is mounting for a climbdown

Advisers rally round isolated Patten

BY BEN PRESTON
EDUCATION REPORTER

VITAL evidence of standards in the nation's schools will be lost if this summer's classroom tests are disrupted, two senior government advisers said yesterday.

Amid mounting pressure to suspend the tests for seven, eleven and fourteen-year-olds, Sir Ron Dearing said his review of testing and assessment would be helped if teachers did not boycott the tests.

The chairman-designate of the School Curriculum and Assessment Council said there was widespread agreement that parents needed to know how their children were performing against national standards.

Professor Stewart Sutherland, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector, told a separate London news conference that it was important to have the evidence provided by a good testing system to assess the progress of the education system.

The new Office of Standards in Education had already published a report concluding that tests for seven-year-olds were helping to raise standards in primary schools, he said.

The interventions provided some comfort for John Patten, the education secretary, after he was left isolated by two opinion polls indicating substantial parental support for the boycott by two teaching unions. But both advisers stopped short of making a direct appeal for teachers to work normally.

The largest union, the National Union of Teachers, is likely to add to the pressure for a government climbdown when it announces the result of its ballot on Thursday. Members are expected to vote overwhelmingly in favour of industrial action.

☐ Schools face inspection by the "same old faces wearing different hats" critics claimed yesterday after it emerged that 60 per cent of tenders under the new privatised system were from local councils.

The Office for Standards in Education was caught in the crossfire as right and left-wing opponents attacked figures showing more than half of the first 394 schools to be inspected failed to attract more than one tender.

They said the findings cast doubt on the government's intention of breaking councils' hold over inspection by introducing competition between freelance teams.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

MacGregor defends motorway charges

John MacGregor, the transport secretary, yesterday gave a clear indication that motorway charges could be introduced within the life of this Parliament to help fund Britain's £19 billion road-building programme. However, charging motorists to enter central London was still a long way off. Mr MacGregor said that one of the measures suggested in his imminent green paper on motorway pricing was an electronic tagging device which would be "read" by sensors suspended from gantries.

"Clearly something must be done or whole sections of our motorway system will become like the M25 on a Friday night," said Mr MacGregor, who was visiting Oslo to study systems. He denied charges would mean another layer of taxation for Britain's 23 million motorists. "Those who do not wish to use the motorways will not have to pay."

Police consider strikes

Junior officers are to discuss seeking the right for police to strike, an option denied them for more than 70 years. The emergency motion at next week's annual conference of the Police Federation in Blackpool also raises the question of full trade union rights for officers. The move follows the announcement last month of a Home Office consultation paper on police discipline and employment. Police have not had trade union rights since 1919 when a strike was put down by the government.

Councillor resigns

The chairman of Birmingham City Council's social services committee announced her resignation yesterday. Najma Hafeez said her decision had nothing to do with recent disputes over child care. She wanted to devote more time to her management consultancy and to her two young sons. Her announcement was made hours after six teenagers at Oakhill House children's home in Edgbaston built barricades and pelted police with missiles.

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Former Liberal MP dies



Lord Ross of Newport, a former Liberal MP for the Isle of Wight, died yesterday after collapsing at a London hotel. The 66-year-old peer, right, underwent major heart surgery last year. As Stephen Ross, he won the Isle of Wight, a previous safe Tory seat, in 1974 and held it until 1987. He was created a life peer after retiring as an MP. The Tories immediately won back the island seat.

City church splits peers

The restoration of St Ethelburga's, the medieval church destroyed by the Bishopsgate bomb, was debated in Parliament when Lord Donoughue (Lab) said it should be made "a shrine symbolising our refusal to submit to the IRA barbarians". Lord Elton, a former Tory Home Office and environment minister, said the site should be sold and the proceeds "applied to the poor". Rebuilding would be "perpetrating an architectural and archaeological fraud".

Director is suspended in Orkney

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goat and that other key personnel within the social work department should also be suspended.

The decision to suspend Mr Lee on full pay came after councillors spent six hours discussing the internal report drawn up by a committee of five councillors appointed to examine the recommendations made by Lord Clyde. Although the meeting was in private, most of the report was afterwards made public, including details of the extent of the fear and revulsion that arose after the children, aged between eight and 15, were taken from their homes by police and social workers. The report was accepted by the council, which will now act on its recommendations. These include calling an immediate public meeting to help heal wounds.

James Moar, chairman of the report committee, said 45 points made by Lord Clyde led to the decision to recommend that Mr Lee be disciplined. "We feel that Mr Lee was the leader. As captain of the ship he has to take responsibilities," he said.

The council will now consider whether or not Mr Lee should be sacked. Mr Moar said that the step could not be ruled out. "It is the only way that we can see to get some reconciliation in our community," he added.

Bathtub sailor beats Atlantic

AN ARTS teacher from Liverpool came ashore in Puerto Rico yesterday after crossing the Atlantic in a boat the size of a bathtub.

Tom McNally's voyage in the *Vera Hugh, Pride of Merseyside*, named after his parents, took three months. He is 5ft 11in tall while his craft is 5ft 4½in long. The *Vera Hugh* is believed to be the smallest boat to have crossed any of the world's oceans.

He said last night as he celebrated with a beer and a hamburger: "I'm still very wobbly, but otherwise I feel fine. It wasn't like sailing — it was like an endurance test. You can't straighten out from one week to the next. I kept telling myself, 'It's only for three months', and that kept me going."

Mr McNally, 50, from Kensington, Liverpool, set sail from Sagres on the southwestern tip of Portugal but collided with a ferry near Madeira and had to put in for repairs. He left again on February 13 but from then his parents and fiancée, Edna Kent, 40, from Dovecot, Liverpool, had no word until coastguards made contact on Sunday night.

Miss Kent said: "I was panicking and had just about given up hope. I can't believe it. Now he's a world record holder."

Trouble with his generator had forced Mr McNally to keep radio silence. When he started to use the provisions he had stowed away, he discovered that water had seeped in and ruined 40 per cent of them.



Last stop: McNally leaving Madeira in February

"Fortunately, a slow-moving boat like mine attracts a lot of fish and I was able to spear some over the side and eat them raw. I soaked rice in sea water for a few days to go soft. It tasted awful but it keeps you alive. I've lost a bit of weight. I was always skinny but I'm like a rake now!"

He added: "I've just had a hamburger and a Budweiser and it was absolute heaven — it was like Christmas."

The *Vera Hugh* was becalmed for 18 days during his voyage and survived several storms. "Being pushed backwards was the frustrating part. I was pushed backwards for seven days and you have to work just as hard sailing her. Then I had to make up the distance I had lost and it took me three weeks to cover one week's journey.

"Now I've made it, to be honest if feels like an anticlimax. It's because you are so hyped up in the day-by-day doing of it, but once you stop and step ashore the challenge has gone."

But Mr McNally is not finished yet. Although he has officially completed the ocean crossing, he plans to make some repairs to his boat and sail to Florida, where Miss Kent will meet him.

"I missed Edna. We are going to get married, and I missed her awfully — I'm in love with her still," he said.

MoD fails to provide arms-to-Iraq papers

BY MICHAEL DYNES, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

KEY defence ministry documents have not been handed over to Lord Justice Scott's enquiry into the arms-to-Iraq affair, it was disclosed yesterday.

The confidential documents, known as Table X, were drawn up by defence officials and contain detailed lists of the security classifications of countries and types of defence equipment which are used by civil servants when deciding whether to approve arms exports.

The ministry's failure to make these documents available to Lord Justice Scott, six months into the judicial enquiry, will be seen by critics as evidence that Whitehall departments are not co-operating fully with the investigation.

Responding to the disclosure, Lord Justice Scott's office said that he was "continuing to ask for documents" and was confident that he had enough documents to ensure that everything of importance "would come out in the long term".

The existence of Table X came to light during evidence given to the enquiry by Christopher Sandars, a former assistant under-secretary of state at the defence ministry. Mr Sandars said ministers and officials had approved sales of defence-related equipment to Iraq up to the mid-1980s, despite the government's policy of impartiality towards Iran and Iraq.

Government policy was "to remain impartial" in the conflict and not supply lethal equipment to either side, Mr Sandars said. But impartial meant that the government should not take sides. It did not mean that "deliveries of equipment should be balanced", he said.

Mr Sandars agreed that between 1981 and the formation of the 1985 Howe guidelines governing export sales, government policy had been to exploit Iraq's promising market for arms exports. In implementing that policy, "lethal items were interpreted in the narrowest possible sense, and neutrality as flexibly as possible".

Mr Sandars said the government's relations with Iran were bad, and it would have been wrong to supply defence equipment to Iran while this situation continued. "I admit there is an inconsistency. I don't think that it is up to me to explain it as it was ministers who took the decisions."

The new guidelines, which permitted exports of defence equipment, providing they did not "significantly enhance the capacity of either side to prolong or exacerbate the conflict", provided a measure of flexibility. "We didn't want to embark on a policy with a whole lot more exact definitions," he said.

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Policemen accused of affray after family is attacked

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THREE policemen burst into a house after a drinking session and attacked a student preparing for his final examinations when he complained about their rowdiness, the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

The officers, who had been singing and shouting, attacked Francis Milburn, 21, a student at the London School of Economics, at the house in Chelsea, west London, before turning on his mother, stepfather, and grandmother of 87. Aftab Jafferjee, for the prosecution, said: "They were the worse for wear through drink and their behaviour had been noticed inside a nearby pub."

Mr Milburn, who is now studying to be an army officer at Sandhurst, was arrested and charged after hitting one of the officers over the head in self-defence with an American-style truncheon called a nightstick, Mr Jafferjee told the jury.

His parents, who came to his rescue, were attacked and ended up being thrown down the porch steps of their house, while the grandmother was also pushed and shoved, Mr Jafferjee said. Mr Milburn later told the jury: "I thought that basically they wanted to kick my head in."

Counsel said that passers-by who witnessed the incident had given evidence on Mr Milburn's behalf at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court last September when the case against him was dismissed and the officers were arrested.

PC Nicholas Jones, 28, PC John Walsh, 30, and PC Jonathan Lehrle, 26, deny affray. Mr Walsh denies assaulting the stepfather and mother, and they all deny attempting to pervert the course of justice.

Counsel said that the three policemen had been drinking in a pub off the Kings Road in Chelsea on June 10 last year. Mr Milburn and his family lived opposite.

"Inside the house was an atmosphere of quiet domesticity. Outside the behaviour was quite different and brought about this sorry tale," said counsel. "The officers were particularly loud and boisterous. Mr Milburn got up to see what was going on and saw the three with their arms round each other shouting and singing."

Mr Milburn swore at the men, telling them to shut up as he had an examination in the morning. The defendants made obscene gestures and said "come on down", counsel said. Mr Milburn picked up the truncheon and stood at the door with it. PC Lehrle was inside the garden gate, and Mr Milburn said: "Get off my land, this is private property." PC Jones allegedly said: "You can't threaten us."

Counsel said Mr Milburn had no idea at this stage that the three were police officers. "They all moved towards him. As he turned to flee back inside the house they were upon him and entered the house."

Mr Milburn turned and hit PC Jones over the head with the truncheon. His mother, stepfather Robert Scott and grandmother had been watching television and came out to see what was going on. They were then allegedly assaulted by the policemen.

"The grandmother tried to help but she was pushed against the wall. She tried to do her bit with a coat hanger. It was at this stage that PCs Lehrle and Walsh produced their warrant cards and said they were going to arrest Mr Milburn," counsel said.

Mr Milburn told them that they were drunk. He thought the only way to save his family was to run out of the back of the house. He was chased by PC Lehrle and gave himself up in a nearby garden, saying: "If you leave my family alone I will go back with you."

Counsel said: "In the meantime, in the kitchen PC Walsh, the most violent of the three, was fighting with Mr Scott. He had him round the neck in a headlock and was trying to throttle him."

The mother picked up a hammer and was allegedly told by PC Walsh: "If you use that I will get really serious."

The trial continues today.

MICHAEL POWELL



Blossoming friendship: the Dalai Lama, the exiled spiritual leader of Tibet, examines a flower in the garden of Lambeth Palace during a meeting with the Archbishop of Canterbury as part of his two-week visit to Britain

'Rapist arrested seeking protection'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A MULTIPLE rapist was caught when he asked the police for help because he feared he would be attacked by a friend of one of the women he had assaulted, a court was told yesterday.

Anthony Scott-Gall, prosecuting, said detectives realised Oscar Messam fitted the description of a man wanted for violent rapes at bus stops in north London. Mr Messam, 21, an employment agency worker of Edmonton, denies raping three women and indecently assaulting a fourth.

Mr Scott-Gall told a jury at the Old Bailey the rapes followed a pattern: the rapist, armed with a handgun, would loiter near bus stops, talk to his victim, verbally threaten her, then tell her he would use the gun unless she did as he said.

Mr Messam was arrested after raping a 20-year-old woman he had held at gunpoint in the street, Mr Scott-Gall said. The victim told a male friend and the next day he saw Mr Messam return to her flat and try to get in. The friend confronted Mr Messam and accused him of rape. A struggle followed and Mr Messam fled.

Mr Scott-Gall said that soon afterwards Mr Messam visited a solicitor, whom he told to call the police, claiming he was being accosted by a man with a knife.

Mr Messam was questioned and, after the alleged rape victim reported an assault, was arrested. The trial continues.

Dunhill manager denies theft of cigars

A SENIOR manager with Alfred Dunhill, the tobacco company, stole thousands of top-quality cigars after posing as an army officer, a court in south London was told yesterday.

Phillip Colley, 44, of St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex, allegedly used his position as manager of the company's Mayfair showrooms to take vintage Cuban cigars worth more than £10,000 from Dunhill stores, claiming they were the property of a retired army major.

Janet Boston, for the prosecution, told Southwark Crown Court that Mr Colley used the bogus identity to approach Christie's auction house with a source of pre-Castro cigars. She said the defendant, who was in charge of Dunhill's special cigars at its head office in Duke Street, conceived the plan after the firm asked him to update records of customers who had left cigars with Dunhill for years to mature.

The court was told that Mr Colley's scheme was uncovered when a junior colleague noticed irregularities in stocks. Miss Boston said Mr Colley offered the man money and a television in an attempt to buy his silence. Police were called in and, it is alleged, discovered that Mr Colley had taken 2,000 cigars worth £10,540.

In interviews with detectives, Mr Colley claimed that the cigars had been "abandoned" and his to sell as he wished. He pleaded not guilty to two charges of theft. The trial continues today.

Raine Spencer to wed French count

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE Dowager Countess Spencer, stepmother of the Princess of Wales and daughter of Barbara Cartland, the novelist, yesterday announced her intention to marry for the third time, to a French count six years her junior. The couple, who have known each other for less than five weeks, will marry in London in July.

The countess, aged 63, and her fiancé, Count Jean-Francois de Chambrun, announced their engagement to reporters on the steps of the Connaught Hotel, London, yesterday, and spoke of a whirlwind romance.

They met at a dinner party hosted by mutual friends in Monte Carlo 33 days ago. The count entertained the countess to dinner at a Paris bistro eight days ago, and subsequently proposed to her.

The count, a father of two daughters who divorced from his American wife in 1989, described the countess as his fairy queen, and said: "She absolutely amazed me by her wit, her intelligence and her extraordinary class."

Raine, Countess Spencer, married the divorced Earl Spencer in 1976, having herself been divorced from the Earl of Dartmouth. She inherited the earl's children, including the future Princess of Wales. Earl Spencer died of a heart attack in March last year.

After announcing their engagement to the press, the couple drove to Hertfordshire to make a formal declaration to Miss Cartland, 92. "She is very much in love," Dame Barbara said. "I am absolutely delighted for them, but I must confess I knew nothing of it."



Whirlwind romance: engaged after 33 days

Nurse 'was killed for cash' at station

BY RICHARD DUCE

A MALE nurse was the random victim of a railway station robber who stabbed him to death as he waited for a train to take him home after a job interview, a court was told yesterday.

Richard Lyddon, 36, was murdered in toilets at Reading station, Berkshire, by Thomas Stewart, 42, who repeatedly plunged a knife into his chest, it was alleged at Reading Crown Court.

David Stokes QC, for the prosecution, said a ticket collector witnessed the attack and chased Mr Stewart, who calmly turned to him and said: "He had to be done in."

Mr Lyddon, a trainee nurse from Taunton, Somerset, who had attended an interview for the post of health adviser at a hospital in Slough, staggered from the platform toilets and collapsed in front of evening commuters. He died in hospital from six stab wounds to his chest and abdomen.

Mr Stewart, a dye maker from Reading, denies murdering Mr Lyddon on January 10 last year. The prosecution alleges Mr Stewart was short of money and was looking for a victim.

The ticket collector, Charles Ifell, said: "I heard a great bang, as if the door had slammed onto a wall, and then a mournful sound. I got up and rushed to the noise. I saw one gentleman and another who had pinned him down on the toilet seat. I saw this great big dagger in his hand. He was stabbing the bloke."

The court was told that police later recovered the murder weapon from a canal in Reading town centre.

The trial continues today.

Vegans call time on egg race

BY JOE JOSEPH

A crisis, like beauty, is in the eye of the beholder. While you or I might anguish over Bosnia or Norman Lamont's tenure, animal rights campaigners are spitting about the traditional school egg-and-spoon race and want it scrapped.

Vegans, who renounce meat, fish and animal by-products such as milk, eggs and even honey (which exploits bees), feel that schools which use real eggs for sports day races are effectively accomplices to acts of cruelty to animals. But the Vegan Society, which represents Britain's 50,000 vegans, is willing to bless the use of clay or porcelain eggs instead.

Richard Farhall, the society's general secretary, said: "The point is that all eggs involve cruelty at some stage. By purchasing them for races you are maintaining the demand for eggs, and that means more hens in battery cages. It may be a small thing, but we take the line that whenever cruelty is preventable all alternatives should be explored."

The society decided to act after a complaint from parents in Kent whose son was asked to take a hard boiled egg to school for a race. Buying an egg would make most vegans wince; boiling it to death would be, frankly, unbearable.

"To avoid the problem of vegan children being discriminated against, or not being allowed to enter egg-and-spoon races, we want schools to use clay alternatives," said Mr Farhall.

More people in Britain are adopting vegetarian habits, or just cutting down on red meat. But many find it tricky to go the whole hog and join the moral crusade waged by extremists.

Yet vegans are neither nutters nor shrinking violets. William Shatner, the actor, is a vegan. His *Star Trek* adventures prove not only that veganism is life-sustaining — though maybe not as we know it — but also that it is no guarantee against middle-age spread.

More interesting in an egg-and-spoon line-up might be Carl Lewis, the sprinter, and Uri Geller, the self-proclaimed psychic, who are also vegans. Lewis could certainly manage the distance, and Geller could make sure his bendy spoon always stayed horizontal.

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'Treatment is being rationed behind closed doors. It needs to come out in the open'

Doctors' success cuts test-tube baby costs

By Jeremy Laurance
Health Services Correspondent

■ *More should be spent on treating infertility even if it means diverting resources from the battle against cancer, say doctors*

THE cost of test-tube babies has fallen by 26 per cent in the past five years after a dramatic increase in success rates. For a woman under 30, a baby born after *in vitro* fertilisation costs on average £6,500, compared with £8,800 in 1998, a report said yesterday.

Success rates have also improved for older women, but because they require more treatment cycles before becoming pregnant, the expense is higher. In those aged 30 to 34, the average cost is £8,000, rising to £11,500 in the 35 to 39 group and £23,000 for those over 40. Costs will be lower for women who become pregnant within two or three attempts but higher for those who require a dozen or more.

Professor Michael Chapman, professor of obstetrics and gynaecology at Guy's Hospital, London, said that most clinics had doubled their success rates and the best had trebled them. Four out of five couples who had four attempts at IVF would achieve conception, he said.

The success rate varies from 3 per cent to 30 per cent among different clinics and hospitals, according to John Dickson, director of Issue, the national fertility association. He advised couples to go to "centres of excellence" to be sure of a good result.

Launching the report *Infertility — the real costs*, published as part of National Fertility Week, Mr Dickson said one in six people would experience infertility for at least 12 months and the National Health Service was ignoring their needs. He read a statement from Professor Richard Lilford, head of obstetrics and gynaecology at Leeds General Infirmary, who said the pain of infertility was greater than from most diseases and treatment "should come before chemotherapy for advanced cancers, before hip replacements and before cataract surgery".

Professor Chapman, who has personal experience of infertility, backed Professor Lilford's view: "We went through a period for two years of experiencing the monthly loss, the frustration, the feeling that you're not a whole person.

"It's a value judgment [whether the NHS should provide treatment]. My complaint is that treatment is being rationed but the rationing is going on behind closed doors. It needs to come out in the open."

Professor Chapman said local hospitals were wasting money on treatments such as tubal surgery which were mostly useless and GPs were failing to take blood tests at the right time to check ovulation. Long delays meant many patients were not receiving proper treatment until their late thirties, when chances of success were lower. Resources should be concentrated in specialist centres which could provide better service, he said.

A survey of health authorities published last week found that few gave infertility treatment a high priority, half did not provide basic treatments and only a quarter offered more advanced techniques such as *in vitro* fertilisation.

In Britain, 106 infertility centres are licensed to give treatment and 68 offer *in vitro* fertilisation. Only six are fully funded by the health service — in Bristol, Cardiff, Manchester, Newcastle upon Tyne and two in Liverpool.

SIMON WALKER



Motherhood: Lucy Raby, who conceived after IVF treatment, with Pamela Crook's fertility painting at an exhibition in central London

TV adverts hinder child diet campaign

By Jeremy Laurance, Health Services Correspondent

SWEET and crisp manufacturers who entice children with TV advertising for junk food are undermining government health targets, experts said yesterday.

Consumption of snacks, sweets, soft drinks and cereals backed by more than £460 million of TV advertising has contributed to high levels of fat and low levels of fibre in the diets of children, a conference organised by the National Forum for Coronary Heart Disease Prevention was told.

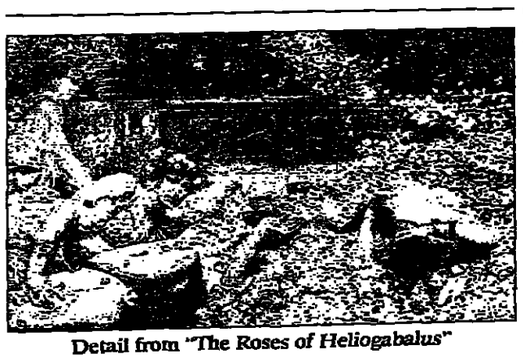
Health, education and consumer organisations said that the advertising was encouraging unhealthy eating among children at a time when they were most vulnerable to its effects.

"The seeds of coronary heart disease are sown early in life," Professor John Goodwin, chairman of the forum, said. "A diet that is low in fat and high in fibre, with plenty of fruit and vegetables, can help prevent coronary heart disease. Our task is to make sure that healthy eating patterns begin in childhood." Research has shown that children as young as two are brand conscious and can recognise jingles from commercials. By the age of three, they are able to spot advertised foods on supermarket shelves and nag their parents to buy them.

The conference urged food advertisers to support the nutrition targets set out in the government white paper *The Health of the Nation* to reduce the fat content of the average diet from 40 per cent to 35 per cent by 2005.

□ Twelve million decayed teeth could be prevented by spending 38p per person a year on fluoridation of water supplies, a report from health economists at the University of York has concluded (Nigel Hawkes writes).

Fluoridation is by far the most cost-effective way of reducing tooth decay, but there is growing evidence that the privatised water companies are unwilling to co-operate, citing objections from their customers.



Detail from "The Roses of Heliogabalus"

Philanthropist stays silent on art museum

By Sarah Jane Checkland

THE American philanthropist Frederick Koch, who clashed with the British arts establishment over plans to set up a museum of Victorian art in England, appears to have abandoned the project.

There has been no announcement and the only person who really knows what he intends to do is the obsessively private Mr Koch — and he is not saying. But there is strong evidence that he has given up the idea.

Many of the finest paintings which would have graced the museum have been sold or are up for sale. In February, Mr Koch sold 20 valuable pictures in New York, including "Orpheline" by James Tissot, which fetched $2.97 million (£2 million). Later this month, two further Tissots will be sold. On June 11, the list at the London salerooms includes the lavish "The Roses of Heliogabalus" by Sir Lawrence Alma-Tadema.

London's art world believes that Mr Koch's efforts to set up the museum have left him disaffected with Britain. He was a great Anglophile ten years ago and used the fortune he inherited from his oil-baron father for a £1.8 million donation to the building of the Swan Theatre in Stratford-upon-Avon. He bought many Victorian paintings.

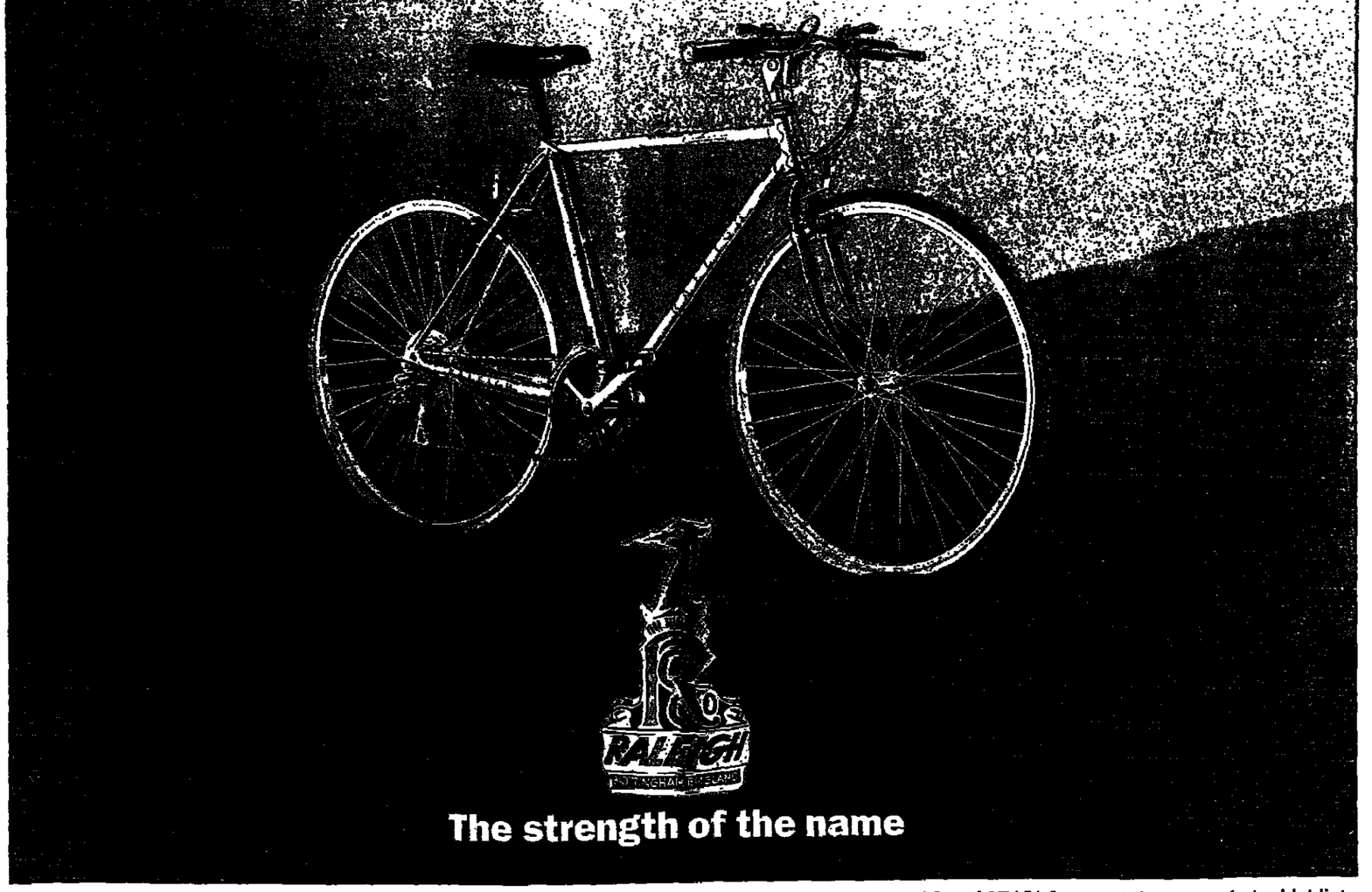
Yet when he tried to buy the Regent's Park villa, St John's Lodge, in 1986 to house his extraordinary collection of more than 2,000 items, he was thwarted by a campaign led by the architectural writer Gavin Stamp who objected to Mr Koch's plans to restructure the interior. Mr Stamp, it transpired, had written a thesis on the artist who designed the house and was determined that it should remain in its original state.

Mr Koch retreated to his English country seat, Sutton Place near Guildford. The art world assumed that now it would become the Koch museum. His sales, and the fact that there is no completion date for work at Sutton Place, suggest otherwise.

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Sacked Briton takes Paris embassy to industrial tribunal

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

AN ENGLISH assistant who worked for the British embassy in Paris for 16 years appears before a French labour tribunal today seeking damages for unfair dismissal. However, the mission is claiming diplomatic immunity.

Nan Miller, 63, said she was incensed over the attitude of the embassy, where she worked as personal assistant to a senior diplomat in the 1950s and from 1979-90.

"Whitbread horses are better treated than I have been," she said yesterday. She felt particularly harshly treated because, while living in the north of France, she had also worked for years on an honorary basis for the British consulate at Lille.

Ms Miller claims the embassy infringed French laws when it told her that her job had been eliminated for economic reasons. The real reason, she says, was a conflict with a young diplomat. "I was told in the corridor, 'your job is being cut'. There were young girls there who knew ten days earlier. I felt as if I was naked. The whole thing was disgraceful," she said.

The British embassy declined to comment on the case on the grounds that the matter was sub judice. It was understood to believe that it had acted correctly throughout, compensating Ms Miller in accordance with French law when her post was closed after a Foreign Office inspection.

The embassy said a lawyer would be present at today's hearing but it considered it did not have to answer to the French courts since the ambassador, as Ms Miller's employer, was covered by diplomatic immunity.

However Ms Miller, who said she could not afford a lawyer and was representing herself, is armed with clauses of EC treaties, signed by Britain, which state that embassies of member states are expected not to shield themselves from the laws of fellow members in matters of administrative nature.

Ms Miller said her dismissal from the post of assistant to the councillor for administration broke France's work laws. Employers are required to give advance notice when a post is being considered for redundancy. She said she received none. The law requires employers to dismiss younger, less experienced, workers before older ones. She said there were several more junior staff in the same posts.

She had waited before taking legal action because the embassy had promised to give her part-time translation work after her departure, but this had never materialised, she said. Her case has been taken up with the European Commission by Ian White, MEP for Bristol, whose office said: "We have taken up Ms Miller's case and have written a number of letters on her behalf."

PETER TREWNOR



Back on stream: Kenneth Dick, chairman of the Cobham Mill Preservation Trust, watches as the paddle wheel turns again at the Surrey water mill, which has been derelict for more than 60 years. Volunteers of the trust and the National Rivers Authority are behind the restoration of the mill, which, with its complicated grinding mechanism, is now in working order and open to the public

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Laird backs American plea to exploit hills

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

PLANS to extract 200,000 tons of a rare mineral from the hills of Tayside will be scrutinised at a public enquiry that opens in Perth today.

On one side will be the British subsidiary of the American company Dresser Haliburton and a local laird, Major Sir David Butter, Lord Lieutenant of Perth and Kinross, whose family trusts stand to profit from the enterprise.

Opposing them will be local authorities, anxious about the routes that lorries carrying the ore would take, and Scottish Natural Heritage, which is concerned about the impact on an area of natural beauty.

MI Great Britain Ltd is seeking approval for its plans to exploit a rich seam of barytes, which is used as a drilling mud to prevent blowouts in oilfields and has been found 1,500ft below the Cluniemore Hills, within Sir David's estate. The mine would be close to the beauty spot Queen's View, at the end of Loch Tummel.

The enquiry is expected to last eight weeks and cost £1 million. Planning permission was given for the mine but the firm refused to agree to the road routes demanded by Perth and Kinross district council and Tayside regional council for carrying the ore to Aberdeen.

The councils want the company to use trunk routes including the A9 to Perth, while the company favours a more direct route, 21 miles shorter, via Dunkeld and Coupar Angus.

It claims that the longer route would not permit drivers to make two round trips a day within permitted hours of work.

While sympathising with Dunkeld residents, a spokesman said the company already had 12 lorries a day going through the town from a mine at Foss, and the new mine would increase the number to between 16 and 18. "We feel we would not be adding greatly to the problem," he said.

Bishop of Edmonton threatens to resign

BY RUTH GLEDHILL
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

AN ANGLICAN bishop has indicated that he might resign from the Church of England over the issue of women priests. Hundreds of clergy have threatened to resign, but the Right Rev Brian Masters, Bishop of Edmonton, north London, is the first bishop to do so.

Bishop Masters, 60, was quoted in yesterday's *Irish Times* as saying: "I am seriously considering whether or not it is possible for me to remain within the church." However, his chaplain, the Rev Nicholas Wheeler, denied reports that Bishop Masters intended to become a Roman Catholic priest.

His warning comes as the ecclesiastical committee of Parliament meets today for the third time to discuss the measure to ordain women priests. A narrow majority on the committee is understood to support the legislation, expected to be debated by both Houses of Parliament after the summer recess.

Anglican clergy in support of women priests are intending to lobby outside Parliament during the meeting.

Caroline Davis, of the Movement for the Ordination of Women, said more than 1,200 women deacons were waiting to become Anglican priests. "There has been an over-emphasis in the last six months on those unable to accept the decision. It's time some thought was given to the women-in-waiting."

The number of defections to the Roman Catholic Church is unclear. Five Catholic priests have published an open letter to church leaders warning of "disruption and confusion" if special arrangements are made for the conversion of Anglicans. If Anglican bishops, who meet next month, endorse an act of synod that would give stronger protection to opponents in the church than previously envisaged, the number of defectors could be much lower than the early predictions of up to 1,000 clergy.

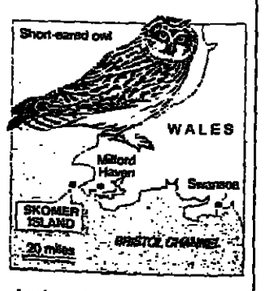
Twitchers flock to island's rare treat

BY NICHOLAS WATT

BIRDWATCHERS are converging on a small island off the Pembrokeshire coast to catch a glimpse of one of Britain's rarest owls after a spring population explosion.

The 440 acres of Skomer now boast more short-eared owls than the rest of Wales after chicks hatched ten weeks earlier than normal thanks to the mild winter. There are believed to be 24 on the island and more birds could be born before the end of the breeding season.

Stephen Sutcliffe of the Dyfed Wildlife Trust, which manages the island, said: "They are supposed to be rare birds but we've got plenty of them. There are short-eared owls all over the island. Gulls used to get upset when an owl was near by but they can't be bothered now — there's no avoiding them."



The trust says it may have to lay on extra boats to cope with all the twitchers who want to see the rare owls.

The 15in high birds will not go hungry as the island has plenty of mice and Skomer voles, a tiny rodent. Scientists last year counted more than 20,000 of the voles living in the island's dense undergrowth.

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Six held after disturbances

Teenagers in council home pelt police with broken glass

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

FOUR teenage girls and two youths hurled pieces of wood and broken glass at police sent to quell a disturbance in a council children's home.

Officers were forced to use riot gear, including protective helmets, perspex shields and truncheons, after the teenagers pelted them with missiles from a window in the room where they had barricaded themselves.

Up to ten officers stormed the room at Oakhill House in Edgbaston, south Birmingham, on Sunday night and arrested the teenagers. Last night, they were being questioned in connection with an offence of affray and causing criminal damage during 30 minutes of disturbances at the home in which tables, chairs and windows were smashed.

Police found glue in the room in which the teenagers had barricaded themselves after refusing to go to bed. Police could not confirm that the children had been sniffing the glue. Those under arrest are four girls aged 15 and two 14-year-old boys.

Najma Hafeez, Labour chairman of Birmingham City Council's social services committee, condemned the trouble, which caused about £1,000 of damage. She said: "There's no excuse for going wild and running out of order." Windows at the home, run by the council social services department, were smashed and a minibus vandalised during the trouble, which began at about 11pm. The teenagers then rushed into a dormitory and barricaded themselves in with furniture.

Cupboards, curtains, ceramic tiles, waste bins, bricks, sticks and glass were hurled at police as they attempted to enter the home. West Midlands police said yesterday: "When the police arrived, sticks and glass were thrown at officers who asked to be allowed into the room." The officers then returned to their vehicle to put on protective clothing, including helmets and perspex shields.

Richard Mayor, 21, a student living opposite the home, who watched the incident from his first-floor bedroom window, said he was woken at 11pm by a loud bang. "I looked out of my window and saw kids smashing windows and hurling anything they could find out of upstairs windows."

He rang the police and when one car arrived, the two officers were pelted with bits of furniture, he said. Mr Mayor added: "About five minutes later, six or seven vans turned up with riot police and a fire engine. The scenes were extremely violent."

Mr Mayor's father said that the low level of staff on duty at the home on Sundays was to blame for the problems. He said that nearby residents had signed a petition urging the social services department to improve security at the home.

The home is a 12-bed unit but only eight young people were there on Sunday. It is used as a reception centre for young people who have just been taken into the care of the local authority. It is a home for children with behavioural and emotional difficulties and sometimes houses young offenders. The only staff on duty at the time of the disturbance were two residential care workers, with a duty manager on call.

Barbara Elsom, a council spokeswoman, said that police had been called when the six teenagers refused to let staff into a room in the home. The young people had been upset earlier in the afternoon over family issues and that though they had been disruptive, they had not been out of control.

Fact-pack aims to ease children's trauma in sex trials

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE likelihood of child abusers walking free after young witnesses break down in court could be reduced by an information pack designed to remove children's fears of the legal system.

The pack is intended to demystify the court process and explain to children in simple terms what will happen.

Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, said as he launched the pack yesterday: "Courts can be intimidating places, especially for children. This pack will take away some of the fear of the unknown.

"There must always be feelings of failure and anger when children are brought into the ambit of criminal trials because they have been the victims of or witnesses to abuse, either physical or sexual."

Children, he said, had a right to justice and their interests and those of justice could not be separated. Clear guidance and training to those working in the area of child abuse were two ways to maintain those fundamental rights.

"It is all too easy for those of us involved with the processes of the law on a daily basis to forget the trauma that a victim or witness may experience, not only on the day of a trial, but also in the weeks leading up to it, and the days that follow," Lord Mackay said.

The pack has been drawn up by a team from government departments and voluntary bodies. There are three booklets: two in "child-friendly" language for children aged five to nine years and 10 to 15 years; and the third for parents and carers.

Valerie Howarth, executive director of ChildLine, said: "Anxiety about the possibility of child witnesses being inappropriately 'coached' should not prevent them from being given proper preparation for the experience." The pack would help strengthen child witnesses and reduce the chances of their breakdown in court through stress and fear.

"It also means fewer child abusers will walk free simply because of the child's inability to tell their story."

The new pack comes after reforms to the Criminal Justice Act 1991, which abolished the legal presumption that young children are "incompetent witnesses"; allowed committal proceedings in magistrates' courts to be bypassed where a child is a victim or witness of abuse; extended television links at court for child witnesses; and allowed the use of pre-recorded taped interviews.



Lifetime of a journey: Dame Freya pony-trekking in Nepal at the age of 77, above, in her youth, top right, and at home in her later years

Dame Freya embarks alone on final journey

BY ALAN HAMILTON

DURING a lifetime of travel writing, Dame Freya Stark once wrote an essay imagining that her last journey would be like walking alone into the desert — and not coming back. She died on Sunday at her home near Venice, at the age of 100; only she will ever know how the expedition went.

John Murray, her publisher and godson, said yesterday that death was a journey to which Dame Freya had always looked forward, although she would have preferred to go while climbing Annapurna, a feat she attempted at the age of 83.

A specialist on the Middle East, and sometime wartime spy in Cairo and Baghdad, Dame Freya began writing in the 1930s with the much-acclaimed *The Valleys of the Assassins* and *Letters from Syria*. Her last book purely on travel was *The Minaret of Djam*, on a journey into Afghanistan, published in 1970.

Her reputation was seriously assaulted earlier this year in a biography by her long-time acquaintance and fellow-Arabist, Molly Izzard, who accused her of hypochondria, snobbery and invention.

"The whole entitlement of 'explorer' is wrong," Mrs Izzard said. "Her journeys were quite small, and not successful. They ended with her either being ill or being expelled."

Mr Murray said: "We do not necessarily quarrel with her criticisms, but she [Molly Izzard] was incapable of seeing the positive side. Freya made it quite clear she was never an explorer; she was a traveller, an observer of people."

Dame Freya, born in Paris on January 31, 1893, defined her own craft thus: "To travel properly you have to ignore external inconveniences and surrender yourself entirely to the experience. You must blend into your surroundings and accept what comes. In this way, you become part of the land and that is where the reward comes."

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CHAMPIONSHIP CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

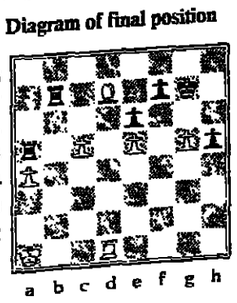
Britain's Michael Adams had a disappointing result in the recently concluded Seville tournament. It was expected that he would battle with Karpov and Judith Polgar for first place, but a string of losses put him out of contention. Today's game shows him losing to one of the members of Karpov's new training team.

White: Michael Adams
Black: Vladimir Epishin
Seville 1993

Trompovsky

1	d4	Nf6
2	Bg5	e6
3	e4	h6
4	Bxf6	Qxf6
5	Nf3	d6
6	Nc3	g6
7	e5	Qe7
8	Qd2	Bg7
9	0-0-0	a6
10	h4	Bd7
11	Ne4	Bc6
12	Qf4	Bxe4
13	Qxe4	c6
14	Qf4	cxe5
15	Nxe5	Nd7
16	Nc4	Nf6
17	Nd6+	Kf8
18	Nc4	h5
19	Kb1	Rd8
20	Be2	Nd5
21	Qg3	c5
22	Ne5	Qf6
23	Qa3	Kg8
24	Qxc5	Qxf2
25	Qa5	Rc8
26	Qe1	Qxg2
27	Bd3	Nf4
28	Be4	Qe2
29	Qxe2	Nxe2
30	Bxb7	Rb8
31	Bxa6	Nc3+
32	Ka1	Nxd1
33	Rxd1	Bxe5
34	dxe5	Kg7

Diagram of final position



THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

35	c4	Rhd8
36	Rc1	g5
37	c5	Rd2
38	Bc4	Rdxb2
39	hxg5	R2b7
40	Bd3	Rc7
41	e4	Rb4
42	Bb5	Ra7
43	Bc6	Ra8
44	Bd7	Rb7
45	Rd1	Ra5

White resigns

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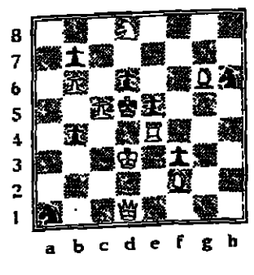
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Only White's first move is required.

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Problem diagram



White	Black	White	Black
1 e4	c5	18 a5	dxa5
2 Nf3	d6	19 Bb6	Qb6
3 d4	cxd4	20 Bxd8	Rxd8
4 Nxd4	Nf6	21 Ne4	Bg8
5 Nc3	a6	22 Bd3	Nfd5
6 f4	e6	23 Rf8+	Ng8
7 Be2	Be7	24 Ng5	e4
8 a4	0-0	25 Nxe4	Qc8
9 0-0	Qc7	26 Nd6	Qc5
10 Be3	Nc6	27 Bxg6	hxg6
11 Kh1	Bd7	28 Qh3+	Qh5
12 De1	Rfd8	29 Qxh5+	gxh5
13 Qg3	Be8	30 Rxd8	Rxd8
14 f5	Kh8	31 Nf7+	Kh7
15 Bd6	Rxd4	32 Nxd8	e5
16 Bxd4	bxa5	33 Re1	Black resigns
17 e5	Ng8		

Girl of 15 completes weekend chess feat

BRITAIN'S brightest girl chess prodigy scored a spectacular double over the weekend (Raymond Keene writes).

On Saturday, in the Golders Green Quickplay in north London, Harriet Hunt, 15, inflicted a crushing defeat on the former British champion grandmaster James Plaskett, wiping him out in 33 moves.

On Sunday, she travelled the short distance to the Barbican, where she scored five points from six, taking second prize behind grandmaster Michael Adams, who is ranked as the second best player in the UK after Nigel Short.

Harriet's recent chess achievements include playing in the women's world championship zonal in Holland earlier this year, scoring 5½ points out of 9, and gaining the women's Fide master title in the process, and last week winning the adult Oxfordshire county championship, beating her 12-year-old brother in the final.

Harriet, who attends Oxford High School for girls, has played chess for only five years. She hopes to make the women's Olympiad team next year.

Here are the moves of her one-sided victory against James Plaskett over the weekend, in which she had the white pieces.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sex-change insurance plea fails

Joanna Hooker, 38, who fathered three children before a sex change operation last year, failed in a Court of Appeal attempt to obtain a new National Insurance number.

Miss Hooker, of Newchurch, Kent, has been given a replacement driving licence and passport, but Peter Lilley, the social security secretary, refuses to give her the new number, which she says is psychologically important.

Three judges said Mr Lilley's decision was rational because the numbers did not indicate sex.

£930,000 award

Sophia Jivraj, 18, from Wembley, northwest London, who suffered brain damage during her Caesarian birth at West London Hospital, was awarded £930,000 agreed damages in the High Court. She cannot walk or talk.

Rapist jailed

A pet shop worker, Gary Oakley, 24, of Thornton Heath, south London, who raped one disabled woman and assaulted another, was jailed for eight and a half years at the Old Bailey.

Sunroof ordeal

A man is to appear in court at Warrington, Cheshire, today after Wayne Roberts, 30, a special constable, was driven at high speed on the bonnet of a car with his hand trapped in the sunroof.

Moving head

The embalmed head of Sir Walter Raleigh may be moved from the chapel floor at St Mary's Church in West Horsley, Surrey, to make way for a new £120,000 organ.

Pier cut free

A 40ft section of the town pier floated down the Medway after vandals cut it free at Chatham, Kent.

Slim pickings

A house at Fratton, Hampshire, with a 4ft 10in frontage, said to be Britain's thinnest, has been sold for £70,000.

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Major seeks an olive branch to offer disgruntled voters and Tory backbenchers

HIDDELL ON POLITICS

John Major was in a self-proclaimed listening mood yesterday. At one of his regular Downing Street lunches with Tory backbenchers, he asked about their worries. The MPs offered a list of familiar complaints about the economy, testing in schools, party splits, mistakes and doubts about government competence.

The question which Mr Major and his advisers addressed at the earlier meeting of business managers was how to demonstrate that the government was responding without appearing to panic. They believe the Tory troubles at the polls are largely the result of the recession and divisions over Maastricht. Both should disappear later this year. So there were the inevitable calming platitudes: "you keep your nerve, you keep your head, you don't bow", as Michael Heseltine put it yesterday in one of his displays of being a Big Man above the fray.

The timing and scope of the planned summer reshuffle will, officials say, be unaffected. Perhaps. The prime minister is determined not to be pushed around by Fleet Street and his more jittery backbenchers. Alternatively, Norman Lamont has two months to show why he should be kept on as Chancellor. There was little sign yesterday of Tory MPs rallying round him.

Mr Major does not believe fundamental changes of policy are necessary. There will be no climbdown over VAT and no relaxation of the government's determination to cut public borrowing. However, the political will in practice, as opposed to theory, to squeeze spending and raise taxes again will be tested in the autumn, whoever is Chancellor.

Although backbenchers are predictably split about whether the government should consolidate or be more radical, Mr Major believes it is vital to press ahead. No changes to the legislative programme for 1994-5 are being discussed.

Tory leaders are considering ways of showing they are listening to the public — offering an olive branch without appearing weak. The immediate focus is school tests. There will be no change in the principle, though they accept that implementation has gone awry. This is contrasted with the opposition to the basic idea of the teacher unions. The search is on for some compromise which will defuse the immediate row without undermining the introduction of testing. Downgrading the importance of this year's tests as part of the Dearing review is one possibility. But this is complicated by the intention to press on with radical reforms of teacher training which will weaken the unions. Otherwise, the government will ensure that the franchising of British Rail services will be linked with the passenger's charter and tight performance standards.

Law and order will also be emphasised with two big bills in the coming session, one on the reorganisation of the police (likely to cause an increasing stir) and another on criminal justice (dealing with young offenders, anomalies in the 1991 act, bail and possibly also any proposals from the Runciman commission).

The trouble, as always, is bringing these ideas together to create a coherent overall message. Mr Major has never been strong on articulating the Big Idea. Anyway, few have wanted to listen while the recession and Maastricht have dominated. Now he has to show not only that he is responding to the worries of voters, and more immediately Tory MPs, but also that he can offer a sense of direction. The first indications will come in his speech on Friday to the Scottish Tory conference in Edinburgh.

PETER RIDDELL

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Government refuses to yield over VAT on fuel

BY SHEILA GUNN AND ROBERT MORGAN

PENSIONERS and charities will not be exempted from VAT on domestic fuel bills, Michael Portillo, the chief secretary to the Treasury, told MPs yesterday.

Mr Portillo stood firm against appeals from Conservative MPs, arguing that the poorest pensioners living on benefits would be helped and the charities offered tax relief to compensate them. "It is necessary to draw the line somewhere," he said. "And it is unrealistic to exempt all pensioners."

MPs were debating a Labour proposal to delete the VAT increases — announced in the March Budget — from the finance bill. In March the government said it would levy VAT at 8 per cent next year on electricity and gas bills, rising to 17.5 per cent in 1995. Mr Portillo said that if extra measures were taken to help with fuel bills, they could cost another £1 billion in benefits and take away revenue from the Exchequer. He was repeatedly questioned by his own backbenchers about the impact of the VAT proposal.

Patrick Nicholls, MP for Teignbridge, said that merely helping pensioners on income support would not be enough. Another West Country MP, Angela Browning from Tiverton, also argued that pensioners would be hard hit.

Terry Dicks, MP for Hayes and Harlington, accused the government of penalising people who saved and yet subsidising the Royal Opera House. He suggested cutting out overseas aid and subsidies to the arts instead of putting VAT on fuel bills. Michael Stern, MP for Bristol North West, pointed out that many people lived in hard-to-heat homes.

Mr Portillo emphasised the need to cut the government's £50 billion public sector borrowing requirement and put public finances back on a sound basis. Extra help through income support, housing and council tax benefit would be channelled to eight million households. He dismissed the idea of leaving VAT off standing charges as costly and administratively inefficient.

William Powell, the Tory MP for Corby, who abstained when the original Budget resolution was voted on in March, said that he would vote with Labour. "The Chancellor has made a very serious error of judgment," he said. "I personally feel ashamed that my party could bring forward such a proposal to this House. I know that my constituents would feel ashamed of me if I were to vote for it tonight." It was those people just above income support level who would suffer and those on benefits would not get full compensation.

Labour quickly seized on the extension of VAT as an example of the government's complacency and arrogance that had led to its electoral humiliation last week and should lead to Norman Lamont, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, losing his job.

David Rendel, the Liberal Democrat MP who inflicted overwhelming defeat on the government at Newbury, took his Commons seat yesterday, a day early, so that he could listen to the debate and vote against the VAT proposals. Mr Rendel focused his by-election campaign heavily on the issue of VAT and collected a 6,000-signature protest petition.

Harriet Harman, the shadow chief secretary to the Treasury, immediately widened the VAT debate by demanding to know whether the government's weekend commitment to taking a "more humble tone" would extend to backing down over VAT. The decision to impose VAT on fuel had shown that the government "does not think about what it is doing, does not consult about the effects of what it is doing and does not listen to protests", she said.

She warned Conservative MPs who were wavering in their opposition to the charge not to be deceived by government promises of compensation. "They are salving their consciences because the worst excesses will be salved by compensation." There were no details of how much compensation would be available.

Government promises could not be trusted after it broke it pre-election pledges to reduce taxation and not to impose VAT on fuel, she said. Ms Harman said that there would not be full compensation for people on benefits and they and the lowest paid would be worse off.

According to government figures, she said, next year charities would pay £10 million in VAT, and £25 million the following year. And this was at a time when their donations from companies and individuals were declining. Ms Harman poured scorn on the claim that the extension of VAT was being imposed to cut greenhouse gases. "This is not a tax to deal with the hole in the ozone layer, it is a tax to deal with the hole in the government's economic policy. It is not a measure from a government that has gone green. It is a measure from a government that has gone into the red," she said.

A reshuffle would not solve the problems, Ms Harman said. What the voters had said at the Newbury by-election on Thursday was not that they wanted someone different to do the job, but they wanted the job done differently. The Chancellor should go. He did not command the confidence of the country and his lack of credibility was a threat to sustainable economic growth.

CHRIS HARRIS



Member's entrance: David Rendel, the new MP for Newbury, arriving in triumph to take his seat in the Commons yesterday, a day early, surrounded by his Liberal Democrat colleagues, from left, Alan Beith, Paul Tyler, Charles Kennedy and Matthew Taylor

MP urges Major to 'sell' EC benefits

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

TORY divisions over Maastricht resurfaced last night when a ministerial aide called on the government to be more positive about Europe and denounced the party's "Europhobe" element.

In an attempt to "redress the balance" and project a more positive image of the EC, the pro-Maastricht wing of the party marked Europe Day, commemorating the first moves towards a European Community, by voicing the need for better explanation of the treaty's virtues.

Ian Taylor, parliamentary private secretary to William Waldegrave, the public service minister, and a committed pro-European, published *The Positive Europe*, a 70-page document which criticised the party's Euro-sceptics for damaging British interests by their negative attitude.

Mr Taylor, the MP for Esher, also calls on John Major and senior ministers to be more aggressive in outlining the benefits of EC membership. He warns Mr Major of the risk to Tory electoral chances of failing to press home the advantages of being in the EC. "Being negative and defensive about Europe wins few friends at home and reduces our influence in the Community," he says.

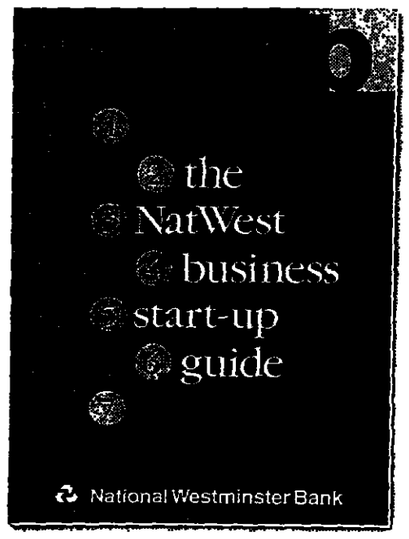
The document questions the wisdom of the government's triumphant return from Maastricht with opt-outs on the social chapter and economic and monetary union. "To praise the Maastricht treaty by highlighting those aspects to which we are not committed makes it harder to explain to the public why its ratification is so important."

Mr Hurd writes in the document's foreword: "It is time to lift our eyes from the trenches. We need to show the British people that our membership of the Community brings solid advantages and opportunities for them."

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Hospital waiting lists approach 1m

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

NHS hospital waiting lists rose by more than 8 per cent last year to within a whisker of the politically sensitive figure of one million.

Figures released yesterday show that hospital queues have grown from 915,607 in March 1992 to 992,324 a year later, an increase of almost 77,000. The lists rose by 1.6 per cent in the three months from December 1992, when many hospitals were forced to halt non-urgent surgery because they had run out of money.

Labour accused the government of being responsible for "the worst ever waiting lists" and cited the rise as evidence that the NHS reforms have been an "expensive failure".

However, government figures show that the NHS is treating more patients than ever before. Despite the increase in hospital activity, patients are still joining the queues faster than they are being treated. Ministers sought to minimise the damage by highlighting the sharp fall in the number of patients waiting more than one year, down by 29.8 per cent since March 1992. "It is the time that patients wait for treatment that matters, not the total number waiting," Tom Sackville, parliamentary secretary for health, said.

Half of all admissions to hospital were immediate and half of those placed on waiting lists were admitted within five weeks, he said. Nearly three-quarters were admitted within three months and 98 per cent within a year.

No regional health authority has patients waiting longer than two years for treatment but the health authorities offering specialist treatment in London still have 291 patients to clear from their two-year lists, more than a year after the April 1992 deadline laid down in the patient's charter.

David Blunkett, the shadow health secretary, said the figures showed that 1,500 people had joined the waiting list every week since the general election. Labour party research showed that some people had to wait more than a year before they even appeared on official lists. "No amount of camouflage can disguise the fact that more people are waiting for treatment than ever before."

The worst performing regions in the last quarter were North West and North East Thames, which recorded rises of 30.8 per cent and 12 per cent in people waiting more than a year. All other regions recorded falls. Both regions also recorded rises in the number waiting less than one year of 6.4 per cent in North West Thames and 10.1 per cent in North East Thames.

The figures will fuel criticism that the government has targeted people waiting between one and two years for treatment, at the expense of those waiting less than a year with more serious conditions.

Parliament today

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Left-winger offered media job by Rabin to preserve coalition

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

A reshuffle seems to have resolved the Israeli cabinet split. The opposition is pressing ahead with no-confidence votes

YITZHAK Rabin, Israel's embattled prime minister, was thrown on the defensive yesterday as he fought to keep his coalition government together and the right-wing opposition at bay.

On the second day of the most serious political crisis to face Mr Rabin's ten-month administration, the Israeli leader appeared to have brokered a compromise to end a bitter row between his junior coalition partners, the left-wing Meretz party and the ultra-Orthodox Jewish Shas party.

Arye Deri, the Shas leader and interior minister, tendered the resignation of his six-seat parliamentary party from the government on Sunday in protest at the behaviour of Shulamit Aloni, the Meretz leader and education minister, for her repeated criticism of Jewish religious tradition. Mr Deri had accused Mrs Aloni of making remarks harmful to the religious public.

Yesterday Mr Rabin offered to make Mrs Aloni minister for communications and culture, a powerful new post in control of the state-run media, and to give the education portfolio to one of her less outspoken Meretz colleagues.

Although it is not clear if the proposed cabinet reshuffle will bring a permanent solution to the coalition infighting, the gesture was expected to save the government from a potentially bruising vote in the Knesset last night.

Mr Rabin's narrow majority of only four seats is being severely stretched by three no-confidence motions tabled by the main right-wing opposition groups, Likud, Tsomet and the National Religious party.



Aloni visiting Rabin's office yesterday

☐ **Settlers 'spied on':** Israeli newspapers said yesterday that the Shin Bet general security service was spying on some Jewish settler leaders in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip in advance of a possible deal on Palestinian self-rule and the setting-up of a Palestinian police force.

The *Haaretz* newspaper quoted a senior Israeli security source as saying that service agents had tapped the telephone lines of the heads of some local councils, as well as extremists, who have recently threatened to resist the setting-up of the Palestinian police force.

Gad Ben-Ari, the prime minister's spokesman, refused to make any comment on the newspaper reports.

Leaders of the 100,000 Jewish settlers have been angered by calls to set up the Palestinian police force. The Israeli army said last week that it had confiscated weapons from activists of the "highway security committee", a Jewish group affiliated to Jewish extremists in the occupied territories.

Another Israeli newspaper, *Maariv*, said settlers have complained that the Shin Bet was trying to recruit informers among them. *(Reuter)*



Family reunion: Muhammad al-Khrinej, five, being held by his uncle, Salem al-Oneizi, at Kuwait airport on the boy's return home with his three brothers and two sisters, aged two to 21. The six were detained by Iraq when they strayed over the border while on a picnic a month ago. King Hassan of Morocco mediated their release

Denktas heads for royal snub

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

BRITAIN is reconsidering tentative plans for the Queen to meet Rauf Denktas, the Turkish Cypriot leader, because of his refusal to extradite Asil Nadir, the fugitive tycoon. The Queen is to visit Cyprus for the first time in October to attend the Commonwealth heads of government meeting.

The royal rebuff is part of the growing diplomatic price that Mr Denktas is having to pay for the presence in Northern Cyprus of Mr Nadir, who jumped bail of £3.5 million and is evading British justice.

According to the plans, the Queen would have met Mr Denktas strictly as leader of the Turkish Cypriot community and not as head of the unilaterally declared Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. However, any meeting would have conferred a degree of recognition on him. Mr Denktas has said he cannot hand over Mr Nadir because his administration has no extradition treaty with Britain.

The Commonwealth summit is being hosted by President Clerides and the Greek Cypriot-led government.

Palestinian leader pulls out of talks

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

THE Middle East peace process suffered a serious blow yesterday when Faisal Husseini, the chief Palestinian negotiator, withdrew from talks along with ten other members of his delegation.

A statement from the Palestine Liberation Organisation said the negotiating team's reduction — from 14 to only three — was in protest at the failure of the United States and Israel to implement promises which had persuaded the PLO to end its four-month boycott of the talks.

The move comes at a bad time for the Clinton administration, which is deeply involved in the Bosnian crisis. It had earlier pledged more active participation than the previous Bush team in helping the Middle East negotiators overcome obstacles.

In addition to reducing their personnel, the Palestinians have also decided to pull out of three committees set up in Washington to discuss in detail the question of Palestinian self-rule, land, water, and human rights in the territories occupied by Israel since 1967.

Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, who has been bitterly criticised by Palestinians for agreeing to resume the talks last month, said yesterday that it had been decided to reduce participation at the peace talks to a symbolic level in protest at Israeli tactics.

The Palestinians allege that Israel and the US reneged on pledges to speed the return of the 396 Palestinian deportees still stranded in southern Lebanon, and to improve human rights observation in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. Pressure has been building on the PLO to stage a diplomatic protest over the continuing bloodshed in Gaza.

By cutting the size of the negotiating team, observers said the PLO had minimised the chances of the talks making progress. Bilateral discussions between Israel and Syria are also approaching deadlock over the occupied Golan Heights.

After a weekend meeting in Tunis, the PLO has also formally rejected an Israeli offer on the future shape of Palestinian autonomy. The disagreement is over the question of whether Israel will agree to pull out eventually from all of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, has stated that he does not want to be tied by the Camp David precedent, under which Israel was forced to hand back the occupied Sinai in order to secure a peace treaty with Egypt.

Saudi rights group angers ruling family

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

THE ruling Saudi royal family has reacted angrily to the establishment of the kingdom's first committee for the defence of human rights.

Saudi Arabia has attempted in the past to minimise internal dissent against government policies. It has been commonplace to restrict personal liberties and prevent even the level of democracy achieved in Kuwait and neighbouring Yemen.

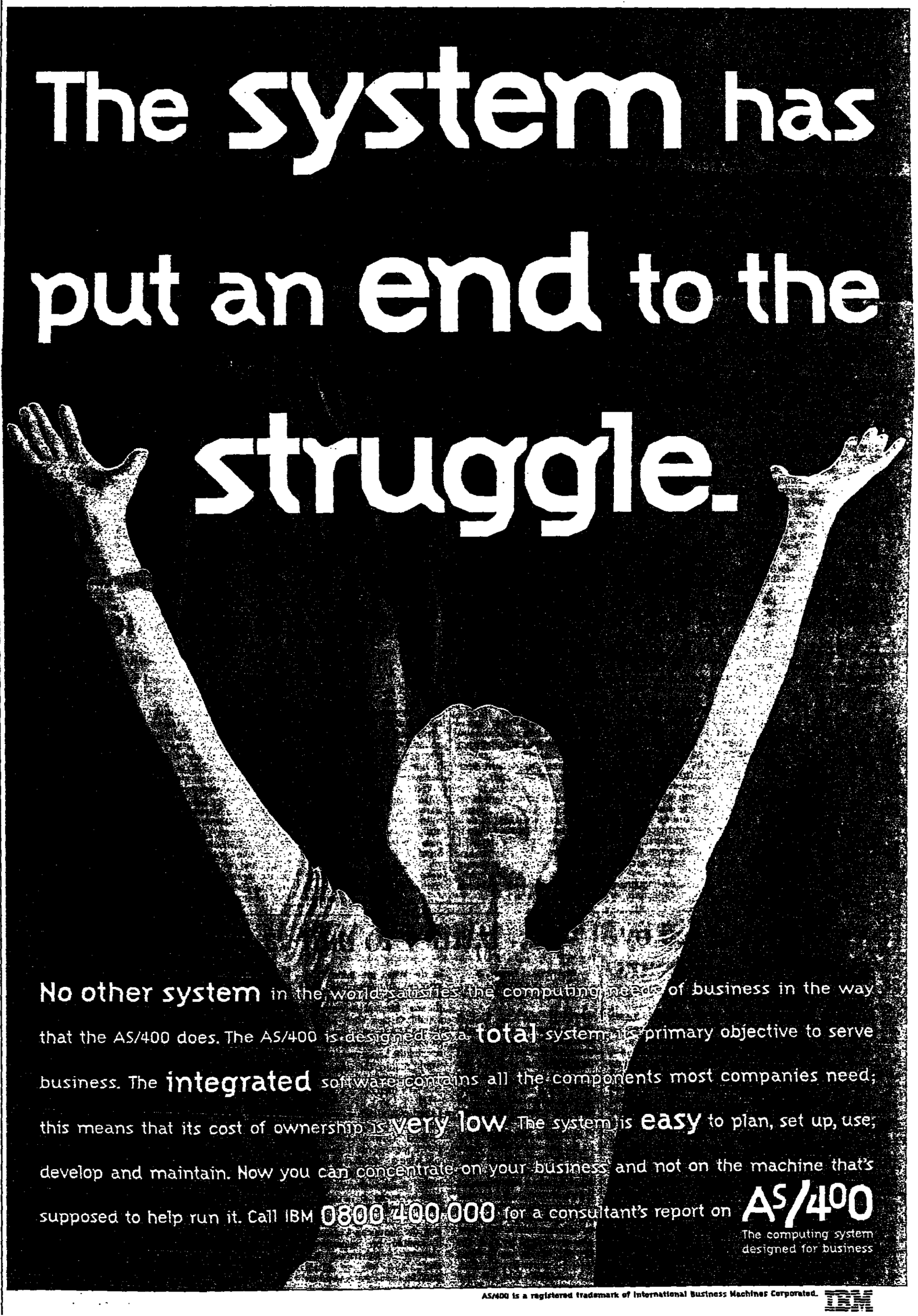
After the new committee had begun its work, and had encouraged Saudi officials and Islamic scholars to co-operate, its six founding members were summoned by Prince Salman ibn-Abdul Aziz, a brother of King Fahd. The founders include Islamic scholars, a lawyer and two university professors.

The prince was said to have expressed his "dissatisfaction and astonishment" at the formation of the committee. The group had appealed to fellow Saudis to provide it with "information that would defend rights secured by Sharia (Islamic law)".

The dispute over the human rights watchdog has also highlighted the currents of disagreement that run within Saudi society. Traditional religious leaders feel that Islam is coming under threat from an intelligentsia pushing for more Western-style civil liberties.

After the dressing down delivered to the founding members, Shaikh Abdallah al-Masari, the committee leader and a retired judge and former head of Saudi Arabia's equivalent of the ombudsman, told the BBC that the members had defended their position. The shaikh said that the six had explained to the prince they were acting in line with Islamic principles by founding the committee.

Many Saudis are privately concerned about the repressive activities of the Mutawa, the religious police, and it was believed that their excesses might in future be referred to the committee.



Balladur increases taxes to cut deficit and prime economy

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

■ The Gaullists are relying on their honeymoon with the voters to introduce austerity. But with expected economic contraction, the unions are complaining

TWELVE years to the day since President Mitterrand won power amid national celebration, France's new Gaullist-led government yesterday launched an austerity budget which it depicted as the bill for years of Socialist improvidence.

Edouard Balladur, the prime minister, among other measures, raised a special "social fund" income tax from 1.1 to 2.4 per cent of earnings and imposed higher duty on petrol, meaning low-lead petrol will now cost 5.43 francs per litre (£2.78 a gallon), and a 16 per cent tax rise on spirits, while easing the burden on employers. His aim is to close the yawning deficits of the budget and state social funds while priming the economy for recovery. To set an example of the spirit of sacrifice being expected, government ministers will submit to a 10 per cent pay cut.

To stimulate growth and slow unemployment, now at 10.7 per cent, the government is trying to raise 21.5 billion francs (£2.5 billion). It will pass on 12.9 billion francs in tax advantages and investment to key industries, including housing, small business and farmers.

The state of France's public finance was "exceptionally serious", M Balladur said. Without the new taxes, which will make French petrol the highest taxed in Europe, the country risked losing its exemplary social benefits, he said. An official audit last week forecast a budget deficit of 341 billion francs this year, about 5 per cent of national income, with social security and retirement pensions a further 100 billion francs in the red.

To win acceptance for the bitter medicine, M Balladur is banking on his continuing honeymoon with voters six weeks after the Gaullists and their centre-right allies crushed M Mitterrand's Socialist party in general elections. He has been preparing the ground for austerity since taking office.

Unlike the period of cohabitation between M Mitterrand and Jacques Chirac's Gaullist government, from 1986 to 1988, when the president was in the running for a second term, M Mitterrand, 76, is now a lame duck. With two years left in office, and suffering from prostate cancer, he has been wounded by the scale of the Socialists' electoral defeat and the suicide of Pierre Bérégovoy, the former prime minister.

In sombre mood, the president last night gathered with loyal lieutenants in a Paris restaurant to mark the anniversary of May 10, 1981, when M Mitterrand unseated President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing and brought the left to power after 23 years of Gaullist and conservative rule. "Even in his own camp they are openly announcing the end of Mitterrandism," *Le Figaro* said yesterday.

In contrast, M Balladur has charted a near-faultless course in the first five weeks of his administration, appearing graceful in his dealings with the president, avoiding friction over the "shared areas" of foreign affairs and defence. Even the expectation of tax rises has failed to dim the ratings of the prime minister.

Commentators doubted the honeymoon could last much longer. The economy is expected to contract by 0.4 per cent this year, the first without any growth since the early 1980s. The communist-led CGT trade unions denounced his plans for tax rises, saying they were the opposite of what was needed to revive the economy.

Le Pen sues

Nancy: Jean-Marie Le Pen, leader of the French far-right National Front, started a 100,000 franc (£12,000) court action yesterday after he was branded the "spiritual son of Hitler" by Paul-Elie Levy, an anti-racism campaigner, during a regional election rally in Nancy in January last year. M Le Pen's lawyer said a "witchhunt" was being conducted, but M Levy argued that the remarks were part of the robust traditions of "republican debate". *(AFP)*

Pope makes renewed attack on Mafia

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

IN HIS strongest denunciation of organised crime to date, the Pope concluded his tour of Sicily yesterday by again censuring the Mafia.

Addressing a group of young people in the grim city of Caltanisetta in the Sicilian interior, he said the Mafia "offends God". On Sunday, the Pope was clearly angry at the end of a Mass celebrated in the city of Agrigento. "The Sicilian people cannot always live under the pressure of a civilisation of death," he said. "God once said, 'Do not kill'. No human group, Mafia or whatever, can trample on this most sacred law of God."

Before the Pope began his pastoral visit to the island on Saturday, there had been wide criticism of the Catholic church for doing too little to combat the Mafia. Priests often tolerated Mafiosi as bastions against communism.



The Pope: nobody can trample on divine law

Kirghizia breaks with rouble zone

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

KIRGHIZIA yesterday became the first Central Asian former Soviet republic to leave the rouble zone and adopt its own currency. The move has far-reaching implications for the future of the region.

The new "som" banknotes, printed in London, can this week be exchanged for the rouble at a fixed rate of 200 roubles. From next week the som will be allowed to float against the rouble.

News agencies report that factory managements and workers are showing little enthusiasm for the new money. Elsewhere in the former Soviet Union, new currencies have relieved problems of inflation and cash shortages. At the same time, however, they have exacerbated the problems of payment for trade between republics.

Like all the former Soviet republics, Kirghizia was severely affected by the decline of the rouble. Inflation was last month estimated to be 36 per cent. A mainly agricultural republic sharing a border with China, Kirghizia has a population of 4.7 million. It has also been badly hit by a steep drop in subsidised goods from Russia and by the general chaos in the former Soviet trading system.

Tursunbek Chyngyshev, the prime minister, told parliament last month that "all our efforts to stop the economic recession have been fruitless because of our lack of control over money and credit emissions". He promised that a national currency would bring inflation down to 10 per cent a month.

If this fails to happen, it could be very dangerous for President Akayev, the republic's leader. He is the only president in Central Asia who does not stem from the old communist leadership and is highly regarded by Western diplomats for his commitment to the free market, democracy, and ethnic harmony.

Mr Akayev's prestige has, however, been undermined by economic hardship and by an outbreak of corruption, criminality and violence. Other Central Asian republics face similar problems although, with the exception of war-torn Tajikistan, they are not as severe as in Kirghizia. All the others have for now ruled out introducing their own currencies. With the rouble becoming increasingly worthless, however, they will presumably have to do so sooner or later.

At that point, one of the main factors keeping the Central Asian republics in the Commonwealth of Independent States would have vanished, and the region would have taken a big step towards a future separate from, and possibly hostile, to Russia.

☐ Kiev: Strobe Talbott, America's special envoy to the former Soviet Union, yesterday unveiled an economic and military package that has been designed to ensure Ukraine's future as a pro-Western, nonnuclear state (Robert Seely writes).

In a big charm offensive aimed at the Kiev government, he heralded a new policy by the Clinton administration towards the republic and offered America's services to act as an honest broker to safeguard against the breakdown of relations between Russia and Ukraine.

Danes turn to 'sweet prince' for Maastricht guidance



At the European crossroads: rival "ja" and "nej" posters vying for attention yesterday in Copenhagen as Danes prepare to vote again on Maastricht next Tuesday

To be or not to be European, that is Elsinore question

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN ELSINORE

With a week to go before Denmark's vote on the Maastricht treaty, the citizens of Hamlet's town are pondering whether they should trigger what one of Shakespeare's characters calls "a strange eruption to our state". The shock of a second "no" vote would reach far wider than Denmark and shake the European Community.

The opinion polls have recently been changing significantly. The gap between the pro and anti-treaty camps has almost halved in a week. Sunday's Gallup figures showed the "yes" campaign leading with 46 per cent to 34 per cent, and 20 per cent were still undecided. Most striking, the poll found voters who back the Social Democratic voters, the largest party, swinging against the treaty in defiance of its leader's advice.

In the past few days, the campaign has perked up with what is referred to in *Hamlet* as "much throwing about of brains", and the defensive and battered "no" campaign has recovered some bounce. *Hamlet's town is now a port awash with prosperous Danes* in shell suits and Swedish alcoholics who take the 15-minute ferry ride across the channel separating the two countries to buy cheap drink.

A plump housewife in the launderette by the Ophelia Grill delivered a characteristically Danish soliloquy on her doubts about European union. She was a reader of Hans Christian Andersen rather than Shakespeare. "We said that these emperors in Brussels didn't have any clothes. We did something good to the EC. We got countries to talk together. Maybe now we have a better Maastricht treaty. I voted 'no' last time, but I think I will vote 'yes' this time. Then," she added with a grin, "they won't make us vote again."

Danes struggle with the dilemma of balancing their pride and independence against their country's small size. Per Norgaard, who had been fishing in the waters below Hamlet's castle, gave a fatalistic shrug. "The EC is too big. How can the Greeks tell our parliament what to do? But we will probably say 'yes'."

Danes do not like being pushed around. Last year's "no" campaign swung the result by shrewdly exploiting blundering intimidation by outsiders telling Denmark to do its duty or face the consequences. The consequences turned out to be quite fun: the rest of the EC wrote footnotes to the treaty exempting Denmark from the bits Danes did not like and waited with ill-disguised impatience for last June's vote to be reversed. The Danish government claimed to have achieved a unique semi-detached status in the post-Maastricht EC. "To be and not to be, that is the answer," quipped Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, the chirrupy Danish foreign minister at the time.

But the outside world has broken in again in the late stages of this year's campaign. The treaty's opponents have undermined the idea that the Danish opt-outs can be legally enforced. Martin Bangemann, doubly unpopular as a Brussels commissioner and a German, insisted that the EC would become a federal union one day.

Coverage of the Belgian government's federalist plans for its tenure of the EC presidency this year created a fresh stir yesterday. In probably the most important tremor, Mr Ellemann-Jensen reawoke the deeply disturbing subject of a Euro-army. Danes like Nato and detest the idea of being fused into a Euro-defence. But Mr Ellemann-Jensen last week broke the politicians' agreed silence on the subject and said that Denmark should reconsider joining a European defence in 1996. The "yes" campaign began to look a little queasy. As the king remarks in *Hamlet*: "When sorrows come, they come not single spies, but in battalions."

Round the coast from Elsinore are the sorrowful and angry fishermen of Gillelje who have plastered the wheelhouses of their boats with red, yellow and black stickers saying "nej". At Easter, the fishermen went on strike in protest at new and reduced Brussels catch quotas. Elo Nikolajsen, a retired deep-sea fisherman, points out the boat which has just been repossessed by the bank.

Once, EC membership brought security and income to the fleets of the common fisheries policy. Now the EC's attractions have faded. "Most fishermen will vote 'no'," Mr Nikolajsen says. His reason for voting "no" this time has nothing to do with the bleak economics of cod fishing. "I don't trust the Germans. I never have." He voiced the timeless dilemma of Europe's small states.

Denmark's perpetual fear of forces beyond its control was captured by Hamlet: "Blest are those," he tells Horatio, "who ... are not a pipe for Fortune's finger to sound what stop she pleases."

Yeltsin foe claims he was kidnapped

BY ANATOL LIEVEN

A HARDLINE communist opponent of President Yeltsin claimed yesterday to have been kidnapped and beaten by unknown assailants. The allegations are likely to raise political tensions in Moscow, after relief that opposition demonstrations on Sunday had passed off peacefully.

Viktor Anpilov, leader of the small Communist Workers' Party, said he and a party colleague were seized on Saturday and were left in a forest with their hands tied on Sunday. Yuri Tskhovrebashvili said their captors took away documents and 300,000 roubles in party funds.

They were seized by armed men, blindfolded and taken to a house outside Moscow where, Mr Anpilov, said he was "cruelly and professionally beaten". The independent news agency Interfax said that Mr Anpilov does bear marks of a beating, and an official told Tass that he has broken fingers and bruising.

Mr Anpilov said they were seized soon after being questioned by the Moscow prosecutors' office about his role in organising an anti-Yeltsin demonstration on May 1, in which one policeman was killed and more than 500 people injured. According to Interfax: "Mr Anpilov believes that the kidnapping was carried out to frighten him, but he does not intend to give up the struggle." He called the attack the work of "a parallel state security structure which is not subject to the authorities or the constitution". Vladimir Isakov, a fellow hardliner, said he believed that the kidnapping was aimed at provoking violence on Sunday.

Western observers in Moscow are treating Mr Anpilov's claims with caution, since he is not regarded as a reliable source. However, since May 1 he has been the subject of harsh criticism from the Yeltsin camp, which has held him personally responsible for the violence that day. The riot police have also been infuriated at the death of their colleague and at opposition suggestions that they were responsible for the violence.

Western journalists at the May Day demonstration reported seeing Mr Anpilov urging on the youths who attacked the police. Sunday's protest passed off peacefully because of a compromise on the route between the organisers and the pro-Yeltsin Moscow city authorities. However, Vassili Shakhnovsky, an official, accused the organisers of violating the agreement by marching to Red Square and raising inflammatory anti-Yeltsin banners.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Landslide buries 200 villagers

Quito: At least 200 people were believed killed in a landslide in a remote area of southern Ecuador when a mountainside gave way and buried a goldmining village. Radio reports said as many as 200 houses were swept away as residents celebrated Mother's Day. No official toll is available because contact with the area is difficult, officials said. *(Reuter)*

UN accused

Mogadishu: Somali warlord General Muhammad Farrah Aidid accused Belgian troops of killing 60 Somalis in a clash in Kismayu. UN officials said his supporters had tried to advance on the town. *(Reuter)*

Workers perish

Bangkok: Hundreds of workers are feared to have perished when fire swept through a four-storey toy factory in Bangkok. Chuan Leekpai, the Thai prime minister, said. *(Reuter)*

Killer contest

Peking: A Chinese teenager who smoked non-stop for three hours in a village endurance contest in Henan province won the competition and immediately collapsed and died. *(Reuter)*

Fraise flambée

Bordeaux: French farmers stopped lorries and burnt 40 tonnes of Spanish strawberries in protest at falling prices and vowed to continue their action until their grievances had been addressed. *(Reuter)*

Perseus defeated by smog after 439 years

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

AUTHORITIES in Florence, alarmed by increasing pollution levels, have decided to substitute a copy for the statue of *Perseus* holding up a severed head of *Medusa*, the masterpiece by Benvenuto Cellini that has stood in the Piazza della Signoria for 439 years.

Before the copy is made the bronze statue, executed between 1545 and 1554, will be removed from its pedestal at the Loggia della Signoria for restoration from the effects of smog, according to the *Corriere della Sera*. The newspaper said the decision had been taken by the Ministry for Cultural Heritage but has not yet been made public because of the expected controversy.

Professor Annamaria Petrioli, the curator of the Uffizi Gallery, said that in such cases authorities were faced with a harsh choice. "Nobody likes to see a copy in the place of a masterpiece, but the situation has reached the point where there are only two possibilities: to leave the work in the open and watch it slowly destroyed or to save it and substitute it with a copy."

Professor Petrioli said officials had pondered the problem of *Perseus* in secrecy, for fear of public reaction. She pointed out that a copy need not be used for ever. "It is a reversible choice. If one day the levels of air pollution should fall ... we could always decide to take it back into the piazza."

Florence already has a considerable collection of marble, bronze and plastic copies of works of art.

West battles to halt sacrifice of sea's 'sacred cows'

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN and the United States clashed with Japan yesterday over the future of commercial whaling, banned throughout the world for the past six years. Japan and Norway are the most important members of a group of countries pressing for the ban to be lifted.

In a blunt opening address to the five-day annual meeting of the International Whaling Commission (IWC), Masami Tanabu, the Japanese fisheries minister, accused Western nations of hypocrisy. He said hunting whales was no different from killing cows, pigs or chickens for food. The five-day conference is being held this year in Kyoto, Japan.

Mr Tanabu said: "It is a matter of grave concern that a number of countries, notably in the West, are taking the position of regarding the whales as the 'sacred cow' of the sea." He said all countries should respect each other's dietary habits and culture and called on the conference to rescind the ban, a move which would require the support of three-quarters of the commission's 39 members.

David Curry, the British fisheries minister, in a statement sent to the conference, warned Norway and Japan that if they resumed commercial whaling without international approval they would "face tough criticism and possible action by anti-whaling nations". He also told Norway that its application to join the European Community would be jeopardised. "Norway must realise that there is a ban on whale hunting in EC waters and on the trade in whale products, so if she is to join the EC, then those rules will have to be adhered to," he said.

Mike Tillman, the United States representative at the conference, said Washington would "not support a resumption of commercial whaling, whether coastal or pelagic [on the high seas]". Neither the American public nor Congress would accept a lifting of the ban, he said.

Japan and Norway have the backing of Russia, Peru and four Caribbean countries, whose support the Japanese are accused of securing by offering development aid in exchange. They are not expected to be able to muster enough votes to lift the ban, but may be able to block a separate, French-sponsored proposal to demarcate the whole of the southern ocean, from the polar ice to 40 degrees south, into a permanent whale sanctuary.

Japan and Norway argue that stocks of one species, the minke whale, are healthy enough to permit a limited commercial catch. Yesterday, the Japanese submitted a formal request to be allowed to catch 50 minke whales a year off its coasts to save local whaling communities from collapse. The Norwegians have threatened to catch up to 800 minke whales annually in the northeast Atlantic, with or without the whaling commission's approval.



Curry: tells Norway of EC opposition

Although the commission's own scientific committee accepts that minke stocks are abundant enough to be harvested, anti-whaling nations such as Britain say that the methods used to kill whales, which include explosives and electrified harpoons, are too cruel to be acceptable. They also maintain that there is no effective means of monitoring catch quotas.

Jan Arvesen, Norway's whaling commissioner, said yesterday that the IWC must stop ignoring the advice of its own scientific committee and face up to its responsibilities. "It is now or never for the IWC," he said, adding that Norway would review its position in the commission after the Kyoto meeting.

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Hurd pressures US and Russia over troops for Bosnia

By George Brock and James Bone

■ The drive by President Clinton to arm the Muslims is being blocked by Europeans eager to see more peacekeepers on the ground

BRITAIN and France yesterday counter-attacked against American pressure to lift the international arms embargo on Bosnia's Muslims by stepping up European pressure on America and Russia to send troops to the region.

Last night it emerged at the United Nations in New York that Washington appeared to be setting aside plans to lift the arms embargo and exploring the possibility of protecting the newly declared "safe areas" around Muslim enclaves and sending UN observers to police the Bosnian border with Yugoslavia.

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, told an EC foreign ministers meeting in Brussels that he supported French calls for American and Russian contributions to peacekeeping and humanitarian contingents which are now becoming overstretched as UN troops gradually reach more of the Muslim towns which have been under siege by the Bosnian Serbs. Mr Hurd made clear that American participation need not wait until a comprehensive peace plan was ready for implementation. "I think it would be welcome," he said.

United Nations diplomats said that soundings taken in Washington over the weekend indicated that the Clinton administration had backed away for the time being from pressing reluctant European allies into lifting the arms embargo on the Muslims. Washington appeared to be moving instead behind a Russian proposal, backed by European countries, to deploy United Nations observers on the border between Serbia and Bosnia-Herzegovina to monitor the embargo declared by Belgrade on the Bosnian Serbs.

Mr Hurd and his French counterpart, M Alain Juppé, lent their weight to calls for American commitment by Lord Owen, the EC peace negotiator, who reported recent developments to the ministers. British officials suggested that the tetchy transatlantic discussions over the next steps in Bosnia would be easier if American troops were working alongside British, French and Spanish soldiers on convoy duties.

"It is desirable that Americans should be present on the ground," a British official said. "There is a significant difference of view between those with people there and those who are spectators."

President Clinton and his advisers have been opposed to any American involvement on the ground and have pressed their allies to agree to lifting the arms embargo and to organise air raids on Serbian positions. Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, toured European capitals last week but was rebuffed. British and French troops in Bosnia would be at immediate risk after air strikes. "They got some food for thought," said one official of the talks with Mr Christopher.

London and Paris are now pressing home their argument in Washington. One official pointed out that Americans could join the protection of humanitarian aid, help protect the six "safe areas" in and around six Muslim towns or contribute to monitoring of the closed border.

The confused policies of the nations hesitating over deeper intervention in Bosnia appear to revolve more and more round the consolidation of ceasefires in the six towns. The shortage of troops to send to them is cited as one reason why American commitment would be welcome.

French military sources say that a handful of American servicemen are already in Srebrenica to guide the aircraft dropping food and medicines to the battered town. The presence of even a tiny number of Americans alongside 150 Canadians, the French conclude, helped insulate the town from bombardment.

Ministers agreed in principle that the EC would be prepared to contribute to a small group of civilian observers to check on Belgrade's decision to seal its border. They were told by Lord Owen that some traffic was crossing the frontier but that Serbian authorities had turned some vehicles back. Bosnian Serb militias rely heavily on fuel supplies from Serbia.

Chinmaya Gharekhan, a senior UN official, told security council members that there were 48 crossing points between the Serb-led rump of Yugoslavia and Bosnia and that each would require at least 10 UN observers.

Mr Christopher is due to visit New York for talks with Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, tomorrow. Lord Owen told the EC ministers that some members of Serbia's government had now realised that nationalist politics were leading them nowhere. "They have ridden the very dangerous tiger of nationalism," he said. "There is evidence they are trying to get off. We must help them get off."

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Changing of the guard: a Croat farmer passing a Warrior convoy of the 1st Battalion of the Prince of Wales's Yorkshire Regiment arriving at their UN base near Vitez yesterday to replace Cheshire Regiment forces

Mafia Caruso sings to FBI tune

From James Bone in New York

New York's best one-man show this season is playing a long way off Broadway.

Before full houses in dingy, heavily guarded courtrooms in central Manhattan and Brooklyn, Salvatore "Sammy the Bull" Gravano, 47, the highest-ranking Mafia defector in American history, is busily implicating his former associates in murder, drug-running and extortion.

In his rasping voice, the thick-set well-dressed gangster admits to taking part in at least 19 murders before he turned his back on what he likes to call his "lifestyle". Arrested in December 1990 together with John "The Dapper Don" Gotti, head of the powerful Gambino crime family, Gravano decided to break the Mafia code of silence and spill the beans on his former boss.

In return for his help in convicting Gotti and his promise to testify against other members of the New York family, Gravano received a relatively light 20-year sentence which, with remission for good behaviour, should ensure that, unlike Gotti, he will spend his old age at home — albeit under FBI protection. Since his conviction he has been the star witness in a series of trials as the FBI tries to break the New York Mafia.

So far Gravano's testimony has helped secure convictions of three important Mafia members and promises to be decisive in five more cases. "I believe La Cosa Nostra is falling apart," he says drily.

Once annointed by Gotti as his successor as "boss of bosses", Gravano is a beguiling character who has embraced the role of Mafia turncoat with unusual enthusiasm. Under cross-examination recently, he admitted that he had been studying for his part by reading the biographies of such other famous Mafia informers as Phil "Crazy Phil" Leonetti, Nick "Nick the Crow" Caramondi, and James "Jimmy the Weasel" Fratianno.

"I read as much as I could read about them," he said. "Anything I could get my hands on. I was in the life and I thought it was like any other trade. I thought it would be best to know as much as possible about everything."

Gravano has studied his role as Mafia songbird so well that the press has dubbed him "The Enrico Caruso of mob informers". His testimony offers insights into the Mafia that only a Hollywood screenwriter could otherwise provide. For instance, a Mafia hitman can shoot someone, but it is "disrespectful" to kick the corpse in the face. Or, "We don't kill strangers. We kill people around us."

Most recent targets of his testimony have been members of the Gambino clan. Thomas Gambino, son of the former godfather, is charged with loansharking and illegal gambling. John and Joseph Gambino, his cousins, are accused of running a heroin ring.

Their lawyers are patently unhappy at having to face testimony from the man who was once No. 2 in the self-same crime family. Thomas Gambino's attorney describes Gravano as a "serial killer" and insists: "He can't be relied on to tell the truth."

The courts, however, apparently think otherwise.

UN soldiers find 50 people in Muslim town of 10,000

From Joel Brand in Sarajevo

UNITED Nations troops who entered the Muslim town of Zepa in eastern Bosnia yesterday found only 50 of the 10,000 people who had been in the town before the Serb offensive began last Tuesday. The rest had fled into the nearby hills.

The unit of 100 Ukrainian and 24 French troops entered the town to begin enforcing a UN "safe area", declared by the security council just days before the rebels launched their offensive, in which they captured most of the surrounding Muslim enclave. On Wednesday, Captain Patrick Vanhoorebeke, the Belgian commander of the unit, had dismissed Muslim claims that the town was in imminent danger as a "disinformation campaign" by the Bosnians to provoke Western intervention.

Yesterday, however, his group reported that most buildings in Zepa had been badly damaged by shelling and that bodies of civilians were lying in the streets, apparently victims of a withering six-day Serb artillery attack. Ten bodies were found in a mosque that had been hit by shell-fire.

"It is a humanitarian catastrophe," said John McMillan, spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Sarajevo. "It is obvious from the report that there was something to the Bosnian government's statements."

UN officials in New York had also played down the attacks, saying they had evidence suggesting the ferocity of fighting had been exaggerated. The UN has consistently underplayed the plight of Bosnian Muslims trapped in the few remaining eastern Bosnian towns not yet captured by the Serbs, and for many months stood in the way of requests by relief officials for air drops of food and medicine to these areas. It is now clear that the air drops, which began in March, probably saved the lives of thousands of trapped civilians.

In the last remaining enclave, Gorazde, UN relief officials who had visited the community, painted a favourable picture of conditions for the estimated 30,000 people trapped there. When a group of journalists hiked into the community, we found people freezing to death in the mountains as they tried to get food for their families.



Croats agree to Mostar ceasefire

By Joel Brand

REBEL Croats and the Bosnian government agreed to a ceasefire in the southwestern city of Mostar yesterday, after several days of intense fighting in which Croats attempted to secure strategic control of the regional centre.

The republic-wide ceasefire between the Bosnian army and Serbs also appeared to be continuing, though it will take a week to accurately gauge the commitment by the two sides to the UN-brokered truce.

Yesterday's ceasefire in Mostar followed a decrease in the level of fighting in the city, but there were outbreaks of lighter clashes to the north. The UN is concerned that fighting between rebel Croats and the mostly Muslim Bosnian army could once again erupt across central Bosnia.

United Nations Protection Force soldiers and UN relief officials confirmed Bosnian government reports that rebel Croats had "ethnically cleansed" some areas of Mostar and had taken several busloads of Muslim men to unknown destinations.

The UN High Commissioner for Refugee officials reported that Croat militia men had assaulted a local UNHCR Muslim employee in front of international staff members. The UNHCR reported that none of its local Bosnian-Muslim staff were being allowed to cross Croat checkpoints erected around the city.

Earlier, UN forces had fled from the city because of the intensity of the fighting.

Milosevic uses blacklist to force acceptance of plan

From Tim Judah and Dessa Trevisan in Belgrade

BOSNIAN Serb leaders have been banned from entering Serbia as Belgrade seeks to force them to accept the Vance-Owen peace plan. Biljana Plavsic, a Bosnian Serb leader, said she was told by border police on Sunday that she and other leaders were on a blacklist. She, however, slipped into Serbia and condemned the move.

Although the federal interior ministry of rump Yugoslavia is responsible for border controls, it said yesterday that it had no knowledge of any ban. The tighter controls have come as President Milosevic of Serbia continues to exact his revenge on the Bosnian Serbs whose assembly defied his demand last week to agree to the peace plan. Since then he has issued decrees cutting all aid to the Bosnian Serbs, except for humanitarian relief and medical supplies.

Belgrade's action now appears to be far tougher than originally announced. Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, said in a telephone interview from his headquarters in Pale that he was "saddened" rather than angered by the travel ban.

The authorities in Belgrade have also begun orchestrating a campaign to bring Serbs behind their government's decision to support the peace plan. Newspapers are now discussing what Belgrade has condemned as the "immodest" lifestyle of Bosnian Serb leaders when they arrive in the Serbian capital.

On Sunday, the self-appointed Bosnian Serb assembly framed the questions to be asked in the referendum that it is to hold on the Vance-Owen plan. The first question will ask voters whether they accept the peace plan, to which few doubt that the answer will be a resounding no.

The second question asks whether in the case of the failure of the plan, the self-declared Bosnian Serb Republic should have the right "to unite with other people's and republics". This is bound to be accepted and will mandate Bosnian Serb leaders to demand union with Serbia and Serb-held areas in Croatia. It also leaves open the possibility of a Bosnian confederation, which is precisely what they have always demanded.

Dr Karadzic and President Tudjman of Croatia favour a confederation of three independent Muslim, Serb and Croat republics. While this would preserve the façade of an internationally recognised Bosnian state, it offers a later option of Serb and Croat secessions to form a greater Serbia and a greater Croatia.

Sex claims may unseat senator

From Ian Brodie in Washington

ACCUSATIONS of sexual misconduct were yesterday the focus of an unprecedented attempt to unseat a member of the US Senate.

Senator Robert Packwood, a Republican from Oregon, has been named by nearly two dozen women, former employees and acquaintances, as making unwanted sexual advances over the past 20 years. He has apologised to the women but is now fighting claims that he his unqualified to serve.

The battle is being waged in hearings of the Rules Committee, which is considering a petition from 250 Oregon voters that Mr Packwood should be expelled from the Senate for misrepresentation during last year's election.

The voters say Mr Packwood defrauded them in the run-up to polling day on three points: by lying to *The Washington Post*, which was investigating the women's allegations; by lying to Oregon reporters who asked him about the *Post*'s investigation; and by threatening to expose embarrassing personal details about some of the women unless they kept silent. His defence is that if the Senate enters uncharted legal terrain, nearly every member of Congress will be obliged to quit.

Several years ago, Mr Packwood probably would never have been challenged, but the atmosphere on Capitol Hill has changed dramatically since the sexual harassment hearings involving Clarence Thomas, the supreme court justice, and Anita Hill.

Mr Packwood faces another hearing before the Ethics Committee, in which his foes will also seek his expulsion.

Army-backed candidate defies pundits to surge ahead in Paraguay poll

By Gabriella Gamini

INITIAL counting by the Paraguayan electoral tribunal yesterday gave Juan Carlos Wasmosy, a construction tycoon and candidate of the ruling Colorado party, a clear lead in the race to become the first civilian democratically elected president since the country became independent.

Although several opinion pollsters disagreed until yesterday afternoon on who had won Sunday's presidential election, Paraguay's media also declared that Señor Wasmosy had won a majority of 40 per cent over opposition candidates, the projected winners before voting began. They also predicted that the election would give the Colorado party a clear majority in the congress and the senate.

Final official results were expected late last night, but the electoral tribunal had promised to release definite results earlier. Its failure to do so indicated that they could be further delayed.

"Nothing can cloud the clarity and brilliance of this legitimate electoral victory," Señor Wasmosy told a crowd, already celebrating with firecrackers, shortly after the polling booths closed on Sunday afternoon.

According to most predictions, Guillermo Caballero Vargas, the independent National Unity candidate who had been expected to win, polled only 28 per cent of votes. Domingo Laino, the centre-left Authentic Liberal Radical party candidate, captured 26 per cent.

However, both opposition candidates claimed that the results had been rigged by the Colorados, who have ruled Paraguay without opposition for 46 years, and they refused to concede. Before the elections, the majority of opinion polls showed that most Paraguayans wanted to break away from the one-party military rule that had characterised the Colorado party's period in office. The results so far announced contradict these projections and have provoked the widespread accusations of electoral fraud that have been shared by Señor Caballero Vargas and Señor Laino.

The Colorado party is often associated with the brutal 34-year dictatorship of General Alfredo Stroessner, who staged a string of rigged elections in which he never allowed the participation of opposition parties. He in turn was toppled in a coup by President Rodriguez, then a senior cavalry officer, in 1989.

General Rodriguez has declared that he will be handing over power to Señor Wasmosy, whom he backed. He received him at his home in Asunción even before polling booths had closed on Sunday and declared that, as his successor, he would be taking office as president in August.

If all the pre-election forecasts were indeed wrong, the Colorado party, which has dominated Paraguayan politics for nearly half a century, will have a further five years in power. Opposition candidates had also been expected to win a majority in the senate. Although it seems that the Colorado party may have a parliamentary majority as well, it is still uncertain what kind of future government Paraguay will have.

"The Colorado party had a hold on every sector of society. People seem to say they want a change. But perhaps such a radical change was too much to ask and the official party indicated several times it would do anything to keep a hold on power," according to Josephina Fernández, of the Council of Churches, a leading human rights organisation.



Marked for success: Juan Carlos Wasmosy shows his inked finger after casting his vote in Asunción

Paraguay, a land-locked, agricultural country with a population of 4.6 million, is the last South American nation to make the transition to a democratic regime after decades of military dictatorships.

Members of the Organisation of American States who were in Paraguay to monitor the elections said that the polling had been peaceful overall, despite a few violent incidents between opposing supporters, in which three people were killed. They said that voting had been fair, but they criticised the confusion which ensued.

The opposition, however, condemned a decision by the Colorado party government to seal all borders to Brazil, Argentina and Bolivia before polling in order to stop thousands of voters who work abroad from turning up at polling stations. The opposition parties were known to have wide support among these voters.

Jimmy Carter, the former American president who headed one of the teams of foreign observers, said he did not believe there had been serious cases of fraud.

He told reporters, however, that he thought the interruption of the telephone service to an independent consultancy being used by the observers to monitor results "was not accidental".

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Mistress of the dramatic art

Not a natural orator, she learnt to command a huge audience seemingly without effort



Rousing the faithful: the preparations for the leader's annual conference speech were an utterly exhausting, infuriating but fascinating process

When I first began working for Mrs Thatcher on a regular basis one of the first things I put to her was: "Politics is a form of theatre." As with a theatrical performance, the need is to grip, entertain, persuade and, when necessary, move a body of people who receive and react to what they are hearing *collectively*. Listening to a speech with others, like listening to a play, is not the same as reading a book in bed.

"But I'm not a performer, dear."

"Not yet."

Although she began by insisting that she was not an actress Mrs Thatcher came gradually to accept the analogy with theatre. She also went along with Gordon Reece's view that for speech-making purposes her voice — a kind of high-pitched alto in the early days — was not her greatest asset and readily agreed to help from a coach from the National Theatre. Once convinced it was necessary, she submitted herself to instruction like a beginner and by the time she was prime minister her public voice had come down nearly half an octave and she had become a most powerful advocate of all she believed in. As the years went by, her range extended still further until, if she felt inclined, she could produce an impressive baritone, which if you weren't expecting it could be quite alarming.

My position was informal. I had no regular hours, no defined duties, no office. I worked on early drafts at home. When a date was set for a speech session, I would go to Number Ten and work with the PM and the other writers in her study or the flat or one of the dining rooms or the Cabinet Room. Policy was not the writer's concern but if he is to do it justice a speechwriter needs to believe in what he is helping to promote. Writing to order, in disbelief, is something I could never have learnt to hack.

As writers, we had areas of special interest. One of mine was economy of words. It seemed to me that politicians talked too much. Not necessarily too often, though that too at times, but in too many sentences, with too many paragraphs and sub-paragraphs and subsidiary clauses that may read well but do not speak well when you are addressing the nation or the Commons or the party conference. Once you're into a speech there are no intervals.

In earlier centuries rolling periods with plenty of flourish occasionally produced a rhetorical masterpiece. Not so today. Write it tight and taut, I told myself. Go for short sentences with plenty of full stops. It's a woman you're writing for so give her time to breathe. Also, when possible accentuate the positive. People don't want to be talked into a depression, they may be living one.

A major political speech, whether at home or abroad, is what cabaret artists call "special material". In Mrs Thatcher's case it was as custom-built as her wardrobe. As I saw it, she needed to be as feminine as possible, but with a commanding presence. Where Ted, once he became prime minister, forgot most of what he had learnt about communication. Margaret steadily improved. The strength and power of her delivery developed as her personality developed, with time and an unrivalled experience of the political scene worldwide.

Living over the shop, as modern prime ministers do, has many advantages. With Mrs Thatcher, if it was an all-day session there was lunch and often dinner in the flat for the speechwriters. This invariably consisted of coronation chicken or shepherd's pie, coronation chicken or lasagne, coronation chicken or boeuf stroganoff. (There were moments when I thought. One more coronation chicken and I'll turn Republican.)

There was white or red wine, sweet or cheese or both, coffee and mints and elaborate boxes of chocolates from Mrs Thatcher's admirers. Chocolates were her only visible weakness which she battled against like the warrior she was. It was almost the only substantive fight she lost, apart from the last.

Amazingly there is no resident cook in the prime minister's official home (state dinners are supplied by outside caterers) so meals were prepared and served with skill and dispatch by one or two of the secretaries.

The prime minister bustled about, making sure that everyone was properly fed, urging second helpings, clearing one course to make way for another and if necessary helping to wash up afterwards. The informality of it all was a constant astonishment. It was Flood Street revisited or as I imagined Grantham. The lady's own appetite was small, I could only assume this was due to the chocolates or that she had some internal machine which manufactured calories automatically.

The Thatcher method was to be involved personally in all major speeches from the beginning at virtually every stage of their development. She was there with the writers in the study or the dining room or round the Cabinet table so there was no backstage editing. Objections were voiced in the open and accepted or rejected on the spot. The result was she had a firm grip on the theme from the outset and could steer it in such a way that differences of opinion could be ironed out in her presence as soon as they surfaced.

In the Reagan-Thatcher era, where the two leaders' political beliefs were close, those beliefs came about by very different routes. In my experience, a Thatcher speech was more often than not enhanced by the additions, subtractions, insertions, deletions, cuts, rewrites and rewrites of rewrites to which it was subjected. The reason, I'm sure was that, taking place in her presence, one could either fight them at once before they took root or surrender gracefully to someone else's inspiration. Despite the diversity of input the final draft, delivered by a single voice, really did sound in the end as though it was the product of a single mind. Take my word for it.

Her foreign affairs adviser, Charles Powell's description of "useful techniques" for anyone involved in a Thatcher speech can't be bettered. "Never put anything worthwhile in the first draft, it will be rejected," wrote Charles. "Keep the structure for the second draft, the first will inevitably be condemned as not having one. Have the collected works of Rudyard Kipling to hand. Don't even try to draft a peroration until you are right up against the time-limit, because they are always revised right down the line. Be ready to stay up till six in the morning on the day of delivery if necessary." Ah yes, I remember it well.

The conference speech — the highlight and hazard of the political year — was unique. Whenever I was asked how it got written I would say, "I don't know. In fact I am in a constant state of amazement that the conference speech ever does get written." I also have to say I don't know how the final draft of the conference speech, the result of several Long Days' Journeys into Night was ever said to be the final draft.

The pressure of time, as the week sped by, governed everything. In the end, nothing dramatic occurred to signal victory. No white smoke went up to the waiting hacks or an astonished world to announce that, every sane prediction to the contrary, the leader of the Conservative party and, since 1979, prime minister of the United Kingdom had a speech and indeed to prove this remarkable thing that had happened against all the odds would actually deliver it at precisely 2.30 pm on the final day. It just sort of ... debouched. We, the writers, also sort of debouched, usually just before lunch on THE DAY, some of us haggard and ghostly pale, some of us in need of a bath and a shave, all more or less semi-conscious, semi-triumphant and a little wiser or a little less.

That said, anyone who participated in Mrs Thatcher's annual party conference speech, which was a killer, was hooked for life or what remained of it. There was something compulsive about the agony, the despair and lack of sleep, the sheer impossiblity that a coherent sequence of words and thoughts and images and policies could ever emerge, the excitement when a faint glimmer of hope appeared on the horizon, and finally the lady's inevitable triumph.

We wordsmiths fought the same battle year in, year out, armed only with a well-chewed Biro. But let me be clear. The lady was the driving force behind the speech, its coronary artery was hers. Her views, her opinions, her kind of language and her guidance were behind every contentious syllable.

In the final 24 hours it became my self-imposed task to check for audience reaction, making sure we had the order right, the light and shade in balance, creating a deliberate piece of theatre, carefully paced with a powerful climax. By the time we reached the autocue rehearsal she would ask me to read this or that passage aloud. "Let me hear it as you would say it." I would point out that only bad or bold directors gave inflexions to the star, that she was now sufficiently experienced to trust her own intonations, but she would insist so, begging her not to copy me. I would do as she asked.

Margaret was not a natural orator, but growing skill in timing and sheer authority of manner made her a speaker who could command a huge audience seemingly without effort. In fact she did it, like all true professionals, by taking enormous pains.

Whatever the mood of conference, in her keynote address on the final afternoon she would lift the party with a bravura display that roused the faithful to fever pitch and sent them home, refreshed and reinvigorated, to carry the fight to the constituency doorsteps.

There was no high-flown rhetoric or sudden revelations, just a passionate belief in her personal vision that had the combined effect of "Land of Hope and Glory", the national anthem and "Jerusalem". She knew this audience, they were her people. She spoke their language as no one else and year after year she gave them the reassurance they craved.

She was, throughout those unique October annuals beside the seaside, meticulous and troublesome and pernickety and splendid and the whole extraordinary process never ceased to fascinate and infuriate and I wouldn't have missed the privilege of being a part of it for half-a-dozen smash hits.

Blast to shake the world

Mrs Thatcher only narrowly escaped

In the early morning of October 12, 1984, I was in the sitting room of the prime minister's suite in the Grand Hotel, Brighton. The final draft of the Conservative party conference speech was agreed and we gathered our papers. I glanced out of the windows at the promenade. All was quiet and still, the sea calm. It was coming up to 3.10 am.

When the other writers had gone, leaving only John Gummer, who was chairman of the party at the time, and myself, I saw the prime minister was still tinkering with the text of the speech as Robin Butler, the private secretary, came in. I said, "Do go to bed, dear. It's all right, I promise you."

She said, "I'm going," and put the speech down. "I just have this one paper to sign for Robin."

I went out, waved goodnight to the secretaries in the room immediately opposite and made my way along the corridor. As I started up the staircase to my room on the floor above, there was a violent explosion. I was flung against the wall and down a few steps. My briefcase went flying and burst open, scattering the contents in all directions.

All I could think of was, "My God! The speech!" That people might be dying and that in any case there were at least a dozen copies in the secretaries' room did not enter my mind. I went down on my hands and knees, feverishly gathering the scattered pages of the final draft and shovelling them into my briefcase. I hobbled back down the corridor, bruised and shaken.

There were no cries for help, just clouds of dust, followed by the occasional crunch of falling masonry. Otherwise silence. It was eerie.

As I approached, the prime minister came out of her sitting room, crossed the corridor and went into the secretaries' room opposite. When I followed she was sitting on an upright chair, very still. The girls were standing on chairs peering out of a side window, bubbling with excitement. I stood, quiet as a stone.

At length, she murmured, "I think that was an assassination attempt, don't you?" I decided it was rhetorical. It was clear that a bomb had gone off.



Bomb tally: the Grand's aftermath

later acknowledged to be the work of the IRA. This year, I had been given a room on the same side of the hotel as the prime minister's suite, directly in line overhead but five floors up. In the past, I had always been along the corridor from her suite on the same floor, as I had to be in and out of my room for reference books and notebooks and the lift was constantly in use, which would have meant time wasted.

On arrival, I protested to the hotel reception, who said they were sorry but the rooms had been fixed by Central Office, who had, as usual, been instructed to give priority to the officials of the party and their wives. I had continued to remonstrate until Tim Bell and Gordon Reece, who happened to be near and heard what was going on, said, "Leave it to us." Evidently they pulled the right strings, because my room had been changed to one on the floor above the PM's *but on the other side of the staircase*.

The switch almost certainly saved my life, for the bomb had been a delayed-action device planted in the sixth-floor bathroom immediately above the room that would have been mine.

Two days later I received the following note:

10 DOWNING STREET
24 October 1984

Ronnie dear,

Just to say thank you for being with us at Brighton — an experience that will remain with us for the rest of our lives and which has cost our friends so *dear*.

Margaret

It was only then that I remembered Robin Butler coming into her sitting room at the hotel with a last-minute paper for her to sign. Had he not delayed her, she would have been in the bathroom, on her way to the bedroom at the moment the bathroom suffered a direct hit. It was the most blessed of all her strokes of luck.

TOMORROW

Mrs Thatcher and the BBC: Ronald Millar's inside account from *A View from the Wings* (Weidenfeld £18.99)

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Why are there too few women professors at Britain's top universities. Are women simply not up to the academic mark?

Playing fast and loose with women at Oxford



JANET DALEY

So women are about to be short-changed once again: dealt a poor hand in the poker game of life or (choose your metaphor) condemned to draw the eternal short straw in even the most civilised of professional callings. Or are they? Oxford university is too irresistible a symbol for its own good. A citadel of all that is most venerable and élite in British higher education, it was bound to become — along with Cambridge — the chief target for storming by equal opportunities activists. The first trophy was student admissions policies which, by any account, were traditionally unfair.

Having for years accepted mediocre students on a quota basis from favoured public schools, Oxbridge has now simply inverted this prejudice by turning away good private school candidates and handing out easy offers to mediocre pupils from state schools. Thus, one form of corruption is thought to have been corrected by adopting another. It seems not to have occurred to anyone that the best way to cancel an unfair distribution of favours is simply to become — as justice should always be — blind and disinterested.

Now another campaign front has opened. Promotion prospects for women at the ancient universities have become a more noticeably contentious issue since the almost complete extinction of women's colleges. Girls educated at single sex schools followed by single sex residential colleges had little difficulty with role models. Some of the most influential academic women in the English-speaking world walked a clearly defined path through a separate but equally prestigious set of exclusively female institutions: North London Collegiate School followed by Girton, say, or St Paul's Girls' School followed by Somerville. With dissolution of that independence and the leavening of almost all the colleges with a co-educational gender mix, women academics have lost their own territory. Thus, the women of Oxford are forced to become shrill and legalistic in the fight for what they regard — indeed, what the law may regard but that remains to be tested — as a fair crack at the top jobs.

This latest eruption has all the arcane accourrements of university politics: the inscrutably titled General Board of Faculties has handed down its decision to Congregation — a body which includes all members of the university and is therefore so vast as to be both unwieldy and susceptible to infinite lobbying. The substance of the general board's pronouncement is that the whole amount of money budgeted by the university for new posts is to be used to create professorships rather than readerships which are normally the next step up the ladder from lectureships. Because a jump from mere lecturer to professor is very unusual, and because there are far more women lecturers than readers, this edict virtually guarantees that very few women will be promoted this year. By using the money allotted (only £100,000 in total) solely for professorships, say the protesters, the university is removing the bridge which might have lifted many more women from the bottom of the academic pecking order. An arguable point even if it does have a note of raucous impatience about it.

After all, with so many young women lecturers coming in at the bottom, there would surely be, in time, many more women readers who could then vie for professorships in the usual way. What the current agitation demands is improvement in the ratios *right now*: that is, they want to upgrade the status of women immediately.

Short of reversing their decision, what some of the campaigners would like to see is for the general board actively to encourage women to apply for these professorship grades regardless of their low present positions. And, more controversially, to advise departments that support for candidates should not depend on existing seniority but on outstanding achievement "relative to stage of career". Sympathetic as I am, both as a woman and a former academic who coped with as much misogyny as anyone, I find this argument deeply disturbing. Presumably, no particular individual woman (or man, for that matter) would expect to leap-frog over more senior colleagues in this way, especially if that precocious bound could only be accomplished by obvious handicapping of the competition. So why should an entire category of people be given such specialised propulsion? Simply because they are, at the moment, not registering enough of a presence at the top of their profession? But perhaps that is for a complex of reasons, some of them to do with male prejudice and others to do with the fact that women really do behave differently (which brings us back to the importance of all-female institutions). At any rate, the matter is worth examining and not simply obscuring by bouncing women up the hierarchy over the understandably resentful heads of more experienced senior staff.

What complicates this matter all the more is that offending against the Sex Discrimination Act requires no deliberate intent: one can be in breach of the law simply by imposing a condition for promotion which happens to impact unfavourably against women, even if no such disadvantage was intended. So even if Oxford is, in all honesty, attempting to make itself blind to all forms of prejudice, it may actually be breaking the law: a curious state of affairs which academics of both sexes ought to be questioning with some rigour. Women in a hurry to gain the highest ground in academic life have to overcome a good many obstacles not the least of which is their own ambivalence. But they ought to be wary if, in the rush, they find themselves playing fast and loose with the intellectual integrity which that life is supposed to be about.

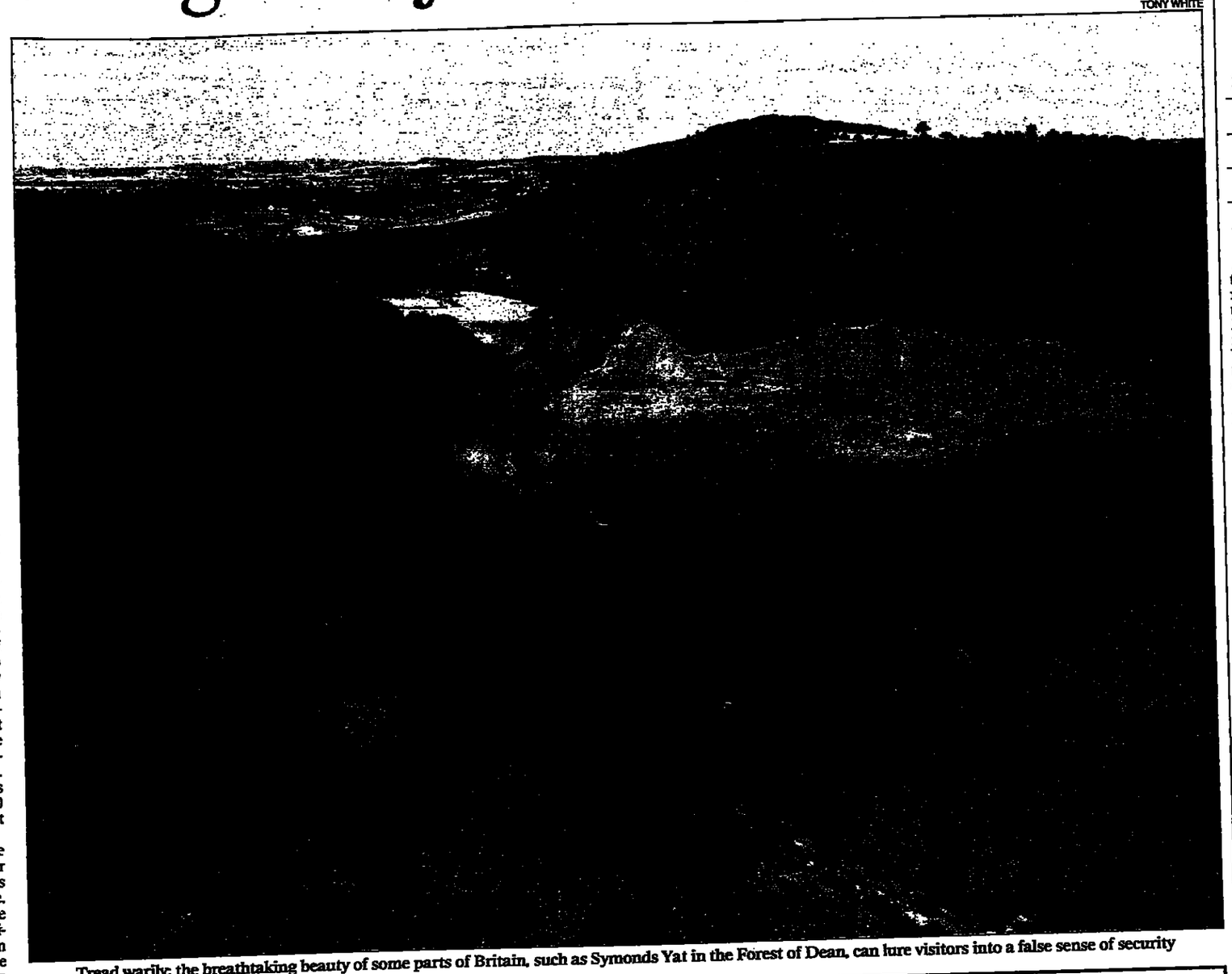
Something nasty down on the farm

The countless dangers of the countryside often catch the city dweller unawares



DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

TONY WHITE



Tread warily: the breathtaking beauty of some parts of Britain, such as Symonds Yat in the Forest of Dean, can lure visitors into a false sense of security

Although Browning may have longed to be in England in April, it is in May when the countryside is at its best. This spring seems to have been more colourful and luxuriant than ever. But do not be misled by the countryside's beauty and tranquillity into underestimating the dangers lurking there.

One of the periodic battles over the use of pesticides is at present being waged. Peter Hain, the Labour MP for Neath, is championing the cause of a group of farmers and farm workers who claim to have been poisoned by sheep dips. Similar reports from such places as far apart as Caithness, Wiltshire, Yorkshire, Dorset and Hereford & Worcester have prompted the setting up of an all-party group to study the situation. Meanwhile, the Law Society has granted legal aid to more than 20 farmers for their action against manufacturers of sheep dip.

Sheep have been dipped since the 19th century but, as with other insecticides, sheep dip, which is classified as a veterinary medicine, became truly effective only once the potent organo-phosphorus chemicals were introduced. Developed in Germany in 1939, the rest of the world lost no time in capitalising on the captured knowledge after the second world war. Spraying is now as much part of the rural calendar as drilling or harvesting.

But as well as being lethal to insects, the organo-phosphorus chemicals are potentially dangerous to people, and are now being phased out. In retrospect, the jolly family parties which accompanied sheep dipping 35 years ago on my father-in-law's farm were totally irresponsible, and today those attending sheep dipping are dressed not in schoolboy shorts but in full protective clothing. Strict precautions are recommended for the 300,000 people involved in dipping each year.

Despite the numbers involved, the latest published figures show that the National Poisons Unit was notified of only 34 cases of poisoning during the 1991 sheep dipping season. In three of these cases, the poisoning followed accidents, in 15, no protective clothing was used. Details of the circumstances leading to the other cases were not recorded. Since the symptoms — headache, joint aches and pains and excessive fatigue — are similar to those characterising a large number of human viral diseases and such ill-defined complaints as post-viral fatigue syndrome, ME and neurasthenia, it is hard to quantify the problems encountered with sheep dipping.

Some 500 chemicals are now used in farming. Surprisingly, each is tested more thoroughly before being introduced than it would be if it were a drug prescribed by doctors. Used carefully, their introduction has been beneficial. Without pesticides, 30 per cent of the harvest would be lost before it is reaped, and a further 30 per cent during storage.

If agricultural chemicals were as damaging and carcinogenic as some people suppose, it might well be thought that contaminations of the food chain would be causing rates of cancer of the stomach to increase. On the contrary, since the advent of pesticides and preservatives, the incidence of cancer of the stomach has been falling steadily.

A possible explanation is that many of the diseases which the pesticides control would, if left unchecked, produce potent carcinogens. Some of the fungi, for instance, which can grow on food are particularly lethal.

Nobody, doctor or layman, would deny that pesticides can trigger or exacerbate allergic diseases, asthma, hay fever or eczema. But although the proportion of the population which suffers allergies is rising, it is growing fastest in the towns. It seems that industrial pollution rather than farm chemicals are the greater hazard.

Farmers are those who are most at risk from the pesticides, none more so than Canadian farmers who spray widely to produce their even crops. A study of 70,000 Saskatchewanian farmers has shown that since spraying became established, there has been no increases in cases of cancer in general or lymphoma (cancer of lymphatic system which might be expected to act as a marker for malignancies) in particular.

Visitors to the country are ready to accept a runny nose, even a slight wheeze, swallow their antihistamines, Triludan, Zirtek or Clarityn, and feel that if this is the only price which has to be paid to escape the urban turmoil it is worth it. However, hidden behind the hedges thick with cow parsley lurk a myriad of dangers. The country may be the weekenders' playground but, as David Naish, the president of the National Farmers' Union, has reminded us this week, it is a farmer's factory floor. Incidentally, machinery on this particular shop floor kills about 60 people a year.

Animals grazing in the meadows complete the picture of rural bliss, but they suffer, carry and attract diseases which can be transmitted to people. Trailing a hand in the water of a slow-running stream may, for instance, be all that is needed to catch Weil's disease, a liver and kidney disease spread by rats' urine. An inappropriately sited picnic site may result in a bite from a tick which has fallen from cattle or deer and can cause the casual picnicker months of ill-health with arthritis and even menigitis or heart disease from Lyme's disease.

The chance of developing Weil's disease or Lyme's disease is remote, but the misuse of pesticides is an ever-present danger for the rural community, particularly children. The toxicity of pesticides is falling but, even so, 2,000 children a year are admitted to hospital for treatment following accidental exposure from farm or garden chemicals. Fortunately for the past 20 years there have been no deaths. Twenty or 30 fatal adult cases are almost invariably due to self-poisoning.

When confronted by a patient who thinks he has been exposed to farm chemicals, doctors cannot be expected to know the treatment for 500 different chemicals. But the farmer and the transporter of the chemical has details of the pesticide which include the correct first aid and medical antidotes. The same information is on the chemical container. The doctor should also telephone his local poison information service for further advice.

Macho — and a menace

Surely the time has come for us to stop teaching our boys to be men

I was sent to a British boarding school in the bad old days. It was a sort of paramilitary training: cold baths, beatings and rugger. The whole system seemed to be geared to teaching boys to be a MAN. It was not called a cult of machismo, but that is what it was. When one looks around the cultures of the world you can see it almost everywhere.

Look at the extraordinary emphasis we place upon sport in our schools; especially physically dangerous team sports that might have been designed to produce well disciplined team-spirited soldiers. I am not surprised that a study of American soldiers who committed atrocities in the Vietnam War revealed that all had been fond of, and active in, team sports.

Britain seems particularly afflicted by this macho hangover. Everywhere you see T-shirted louts, covered with tattoos, reeking of machismo. What is the purpose of this posturing? These are pathetic and outdated figures: zombies from the past: yesterday's men with nothing constructive to do.

Britain leads the world in football hooliganism and in the production of mercenary soldiers. Many of the hundreds of teenage criminals I assessed in Oxford were motivated by the machismo cult. Some had fathers who beat them, taught them to "fend for themselves", praised them for being aggressive. But schools, too, are to blame. There is this obsession with sport despite the many serious injuries sport causes. If a teacher hits a boy on the head causing concussion, all hell breaks loose. But if the teacher organises a game of football or cricket and the same injury occurs then everyone takes it as normal.

We don't know how many children are killed or seriously injured in school sports every year because nobody dares to raise the issue. Macho sport is a sacred cow. It is batty, for example, that one of the six foundation subjects in schools is physical education — it is almost a contradiction in terms anyway.

A boy was killed at one of my schools by a cricket ball. At another, many went to hospital suffering from concussion following head injuries in sport: with such head trauma cases there is the risk of brain damage and death.

People will say, "Well you mustn't mollycoddle children. You can't wrap them in cotton-wool". And "Sport is a healthy way to release aggression." But there is no conclusive evidence for such a claim. Compulsory violent sports should be prohibited in schools. I am not necessarily opposed to team spirit but I am against the implied encouragement of machismo.

Of course, there are varieties of machismo. There are a range of qualities traditionally identified as being "manly" and some are far less objectionable than others. But it is the idea, especially prevalent in small groups of young males, that they have to prove their manhood by breaking the law or being destructive or by being violent that is at the root of many of our society's problems. No one should *have* to prove their manhood in a modern society, but if they do then they should be able to prove it by being kind and unselfish.

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Alternatives have reduced need for gynaecological operations

Time to scrap the 'scrape'

A dramatic increase in the number of Caesarian section operations has led to a call in the House of Commons to "protect women from the scalpel". The plea could also apply to the high rate of "D and C" surgery.

The tried and tested "scrape", or "D and C" (dilatation and curettage), is still the investigation of choice of many gynaecologists. But as Ian MacKenzie, a consultant gynaecologist at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, says, while this is appropriate in some clinical situations, the D and C as a diagnostic tool for premenopausal women can no longer be justified.

The conclusion of a recent study by Angela Coulter *et al* published in the *British Medical Journal* was that young women suffering from heavy periods are still being subjected to unnecessary and inappropriate operations.

Newer endometrial sampling techniques are simple, quick, reliable and well-tolerated by patients. They can be performed in the out-patient clinic and dispense with the need for a general anaesthetic and for a one or two-day stay in hospital.

Endometrial sampling involves inserting an instrument via the vagina into the uterus, without needing to dilate the cervix first. Light suction from the instrument gives a small sample of tissue from the wall of the uterus (the endometrium). The whole process takes less than ten minutes.

The biopsy is then looked at by pathologists to determine the cause of the menorrhagia (heavy or irregular menstrual bleeding). Most importantly, major endometrial disease, such as cancer of the uterus — although very rare in young women — can be excluded.

A study in 1985 (when the D and C was the most commonly performed operation in Britain) revealed that out-patient endometrial sampling could be successfully used to investigate 97 per cent of women with persistent abnormal menstrual bleeding. Of the 247 women in the study, 15 cases of cancer were detected, and at the five-year follow-up, no malignancies had been missed.

Performed by well-trained hands, out-patient endometrial sampling therefore provides an excellent and reliable alternative to the D and C. And with added advantages. For example, it has none of the risks associated with a general anaesthetic, and does not risk trauma to the cervix which occasionally occurs with D and C, especially in women who have not yet had children, and which may predispose them to miscarry in the future.

In the United States, the use of D and C has dropped dramatically over the past 15 years. In Britain the rates have remained surprisingly (and frustratingly) static. The D and C is now six times more common here than in America.

With so many advantages both to patients and the health service budget, why are British gynaecologists so slow to bring in the changes?

Part of it may simply be that old habits die hard, or a reluctance by British specialists to accept that the newer techniques are as reliable. From a purely practical point of view, reorganisation of outpatient clinics may be necessary in order to provide more suitable facilities — not an impossible task. However, with the advent of the purchaser-provider split in the new-style NHS, it may be financial incentives which prompt action.

When Ms Coulter, deputy director of the Health Services Research Unit in Oxford, presented her findings to the gynaecological section of the Royal Society of Medicine, she was met by a room full of embarrassed faces.

Ultimately, it may be up to the female "customers" in Britain to demand present practices to be updated and improved. It is time to scrap the "scrape".

DR ABI BERGER

Please keep your troubles to yourself

Are problems being exacerbated because we are so ready to share them?

Perhaps we would all be better off repressing painful memories

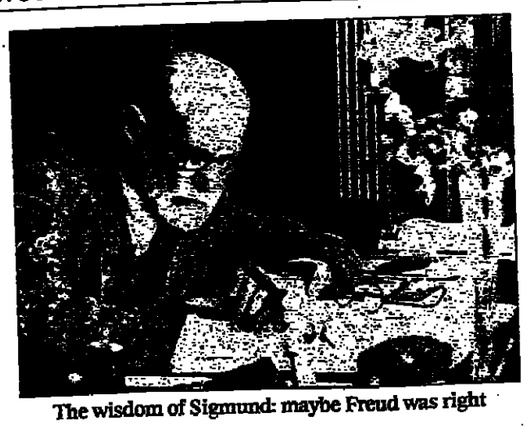
The case of Susan Bolland, who was dismissed from her job at Barnardo's after her 22-year-old daughter disclosed during counselling for depression that her mother had sexually abused her as a child, has once again brought this most delicate of subjects to public attention.

Mrs Bolland, 47, denies the veracity of her daughter's memory, but with such a lapse of time there is little chance of the truth of the matter being established beyond doubt, unless one party or the other retracts her story. The accusation, once made, has an unpleasant tendency to stick, regardless of its truth: and on the principle that there is no smoke without fire, a reputation has been ruined once and for all.

It is not difficult to see how the medieval atmosphere of a witch-hunt might be established. To lose one's job is not the same as to be burnt at the stake, of course, and sexual abuse really exists: but there are so many unanswered questions about such abuse, many of which are perhaps unanswerable, that it is the perfect subject matter for the potential Grand Inquisitors among us.

Therapists believe most of what their patients say, and Freud himself has been accused of having betrayed his patients when he decided that their tales of sexual abuse in childhood were fantasy rather than reality. Most cases which come to attention are genuine, though some cases arouse controversy even among those who treat them. Just as there was a reluctance 30 years ago to believe that parents could deliberately injure their children by burning them, breaking their arms and so forth, so there has more recently been a reluctance to accept that sexual abuse of children is both widespread and harmful.

Unfortunately, increased publicity about a problem does not necessarily help to solve it. On the contrary, it may act to compound it, especially when the matter is taken up by people with ideological axes to grind, and who lend meaning to their lives by adversarial advocacy. In America, for example, there are self-help books available which suggest that almost every human ill can certainly be ascribed to sexual abuse in childhood, long repressed in the memory. This has led to people with symptoms "remembering" long-forgotten abuse perpetrated against them, with devastating effects on those accused. If America loses its mind, can Britain be far behind?



The wisdom of Sigmund: maybe Freud was right

No one knows the true prevalence of sexual abuse in the population, let alone whether it has increased, decreased, or has remained the same over time, and in the absence of such knowledge it is difficult to be certain either about the causes or consequences of such abuse. Certainly, depressed women and those with difficulty in forming healthy relationships who come to the attention of services are more likely to have been sexually abused than other women; but families in which such abuse takes place are likely to be disordered in other ways. Moreover, the results of social intervention and psychological treatment are very difficult to assess, and perhaps may never be known. It is a case of the need to do something preceding the knowledge about what to do.

There is a modern tendency to assume that full and complete frankness about one's past is necessarily healthier than repression, which amounts at best to hypocrisy, at worst to treason. But surely repression of painful memories may be in many cases desirable. Voltaire wrote that the way to be a bore is to say everything; and there is more at stake here than merely the avoidance of boring others. Will no one speak in favour of fortitude and overcoming one's difficulties oneself by means of repression and publication? Can it never be healthy to do so?

To give emphasis and publicity to a problem may actually increase it, because conduct is affected by the conscious content of the mind, an elementary truth which is all too easily forgotten by those who view social problems only in the light of statistical associations. It has long been known, for example, that the portrayal on television of an adolescent suicide may be followed by a rash of such suicides.

It is thus not inconceivable that those who were abused in childhood and who might otherwise have come to terms with their terrible experiences, become depressed not so much because of the experiences themselves, but because the publicity given the problem tells them that it is normal in the circumstances to be depressed, and that therapy is the answer.

But even if this is not so, no one is confident that any quantity of psychological services provided for the abused will actually reduce the sum total of misery causes by abuse. Perhaps Freud was wiser than he knew when he abandoned his seduction theory in favour of fantasy.

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Lynne Truss



■ In National Fertility Week, let's admit that 'awareness' is not working

By nature am quite a patient person, but National Pet Week was the final straw. "Says who?" I wailed in confusion. "What for?" "In as much as which?" As usual, journalists dropped their blithe references to National Pet Week, much as they might refer to International No Smoking Day, or The Cosmic Year of the Woman, but without indicating precisely what the poor ignorant punter was supposed to do about it. I mean, what is the form for National Pet Week? Do you send cards? Do you take direct political action? Do you close your eyes and transmit benign, helpful thoughtwaves to Battersea Dogs Home? What? This week, I believe, is Adult Literacy Week, which by comparison is a relief, if only because it automatically rules out one of the anxieties aforementioned. After all, there's no point sending a "Happy Adult Literacy Week" card to someone who can't read.

Awareness is presumably the point. Ideally, a week is designated as, I don't know, Upholstery Week, and then somehow upholstery awareness builds up such a positive charge in the mental atmosphere that ultimately the average person, making a shopping list or watching television, is suddenly surprised to find the word "antimacassar" popping into his head. "That's funny," says his wife at bedtime, when he tells her about it; "Myself, I've been thinking all day about covered buttons and padded armrests." Oh well, kissy-kissy, turn out the light, they don't know what to make of it. But then, next morning, like a miracle, they agree over breakfast that their attitude to upholstery has been shamefully remiss, and that they really must learn to stuff horse-hair into sofa cushions without delay.

But it doesn't work like that. These awareness ploys (National Condom Week, National Sleeping Out Week, the International Year of the Kevin) generally make you aware of only one thing: that you don't have a clue what's going on. By the time you find out it's Make a Will Day, it's too late to make an appointment; even National Motivation Weekend neglects to announce itself with sufficient notice to give you time to get motivated. They obviously don't want you to join in. Thus a weird double message emanates from the agencies (charities, churches, and Kevins) who mark our calendars. On the one hand, they say here is an issue demanding universal acknowledgement; on the other, yah boo with knobs on, you missed it.

What is beginning to annoy me in particular is the cavalier use of the appellation "International" for events confined to 12 people huddled around a press release in Hyde Park. It was International No-Diet Day last week, but considering the scale of the event — a few large British women heroically devouring crisps and cheese in an effort to draw attention to the tyrannies of the beauty myth — its title seemed somewhat overblown. Similarly, last year's pioneering International Clear Your Desk day conjured up visions of a global village of office-workers in litter-bin mode, together dumping heaps of old memos with such well-organised synchronicity ("Are ya ready, world? Three, two, one, go!") that the jolt should have knocked the Earth off its axis. But casting one's mind back — well, it didn't. The Earth did not move, just as it didn't (more predictably, alas) for the Kevins.

And be honest, did you know it was International Women's Year? Personally, I thought it was last year and that I'd missed it (as usual), but now I have been reassured that it is going on *right now*. I feel a huge surging wave of inertia completely overwhelm me. No doubt excellent charitable works are done in the name of International Women's Year, but to me it just suggests a scary parallel universe in which women think it's great to have a year of their own, and know precisely what to do with it. Which is ultimately why I despair of these special days and weeks, unless they are dedicated to something genuinely useful (such as adult literacy). Let people clear their desks as much as they like. Let them motivate themselves, make wills, not smoke, not diet, do something undisclosed about pets (for a whole week, if necessary), and rejoice in the name of Kevin. I don't care. For the rest of us I suggest we establish an International Year of No International Days or Weeks, and take it, very carefully, from there.

There is no peace to keep in Bosnia, so the West must send peace-makers, argues **Rosemary Righter**

Vance-Owen will not work without force

The goddess Pallas Athene, it was said, never went to war unless she was sure of victory. So much hangs on the United Nations "implementation force" in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Failure would not only mean continued misery for Bosnia. It would destroy the United Nations' credibility for another generation, and could mark the beginning of the end of America's engagement as a European power.

Nato, which has volunteered for the job, has no supernatural powers. But an alliance equipped to fend off the communist threat undoubtedly has the capacity to compel Bosnia's warlords to fall in with the Vance-Owen plan. At up to 78,000 men, the "implementation force" now being actively prepared should be adequate: provided, that is, that its political masters do not hobble it, either by showing too much deference to Boutros Boutros Ghali's sudden interest in a strategic command role for himself, or by foolishly restricting its rules of engagement to those of a conventional UN peacekeeping force.

The UN secretary-general's extraordinary proposal that he be empowered to go to the Security Council with "any measures he judges necessary to reorient, correct or even bring an end to military operations" in Bosnia finds no favour with Nato planners. Nor should it. Subordinating Nato operations to UN control would be a certain recipe for chaos.

Nato cannot simply follow the practice of the classic UN peacekeeping force, mandated and equipped to fire only in self-defence. Even the ultra-cautious Malcolm Rifkind admits that it is unrealistic to expect a full ceasefire in Bosnia. There is broad agreement that heavily armed troops will be required.

Yet the British and French governments still seem to be insisting on "self-defence only" rules of engagement, and ruling out any military action to separate combatants who spring at each other's throats. Since, in the Bosnian context, it is highly unlikely in the early stages that one side would open fire without the other returning it, this is a recipe for letting recalcitrant petty warlords rip. They will be quick to detect and exploit any hesitation. Once the Vance-Owen plan countdown has begun, the Nato/UN "implementation force" must do just that: implement the plan, using whatever means are required. To achieve stability, Nato must project force. Half-measures at the outset would be the shortest route to a serious shooting war.

This breaks new ground. Governments worry that the UN is stumbling into a Bosnian minefield. But the troubled record of the latest generation of UN peacekeeping ventures is warning enough of the folly of failing to equip peacemakers — a better job-description of Nato's role in Bosnia — with a proper political and military armoury.

In Angola, the UN peacekeepers had neither the power nor the mandate to implement a perfectly sensible plan to disarm and demobilise the warring parties before supervising elections. In consequence, fighting resumed within hours of the election result, and the UN is now back to square one, negotiating a fresh "peace agreement". The risk of a repetition in Mozambique is high: the UN plan calls for 7,500 troops. It has so far mustered less than 100.

Cambodia will hold elections within a fortnight, and the UN, which has committed 22,000 men to restoring peace at a cost, so far, of £1.3 billion, has succeeded in registering 4.7 million people, 95 per cent of the electorate. But these elections were supposed to be preceded by UN demobilisation of 70 per cent of the four Cambodian forces, which has not happened. The Khmer Rouge refused to give up its weapons, and now ban the UN from territory it controls — knowing that the UN force has no powers of enforcement. UN soldiers can fire only in self-defence, and cannot even prevent the regular kidnapping of its men by guerrillas. The terrible possibility is that the elections will solve nothing, and unless the UN stays on indefinitely, it will have achieved no more than a breathing-space in Cambodia's devastating conflict.

The most immediately pertinent lesson lies just over the Bosnian border, in Croatia. The first UN protection forces' mission was deployed there "to create the conditions of peace and security required for the negotiation of an overall settlement". Despite the presence of 14,000 peacekeepers, Serb paramilitary police write their own law, and Serbs are moving into houses from which non-Serbs continue to be brutally expelled, with the UN unwillingly providing auxiliary transport for "ethnic cleansing".

Speed will be essential, once the UN decides on deployment in Bosnia. Mr Rifkind promises a quick British response, but he talks in the same breath of "a period of preparation and deployment" which will give time to see whether the combatants are "prepared to respect" the ceasefire. These sound suspiciously like the words of a man looking for a respectable exit. The answer, as he must know, is that compliance will be patchy and could rapidly break down altogether unless the troops switch into operational mode immediately. This is feasible only if Nato puts its "rapid reaction" capability to the test, pouring in amphibious reinforcements from the Adriatic.

General John Shakashvili, Nato's supreme commander in Europe, insists that the force must be able to do its job "without being at the mercy of the local warlords", condemned like generals Mackenzie and Morillon to take no for an answer from crazed militiamen. He is talking about enforcement, a word that strikes terror into politicians' hearts. The Vance-Owen plan does not require Nato to take sides, other than for peace against war. It does require the full use, if necessary, of Nato firepower.

One day last July in Sarajevo, the admirable Canadian commander, Lewis Mackenzie, gestured bitterly towards the gunfire pounding the airport. "Should I jab them with my ballpoint pen?" he asked. There is no need for this question to be posed again. But it may be, if governments — under the mistaken impression that they are protecting servicemen's lives by insisting they are no more than peacekeepers — lose their nerve before the first engagement.

Another tranche in La Manche

Sir Alastair Morton has only 48 years to find a scapegoat for the hapless optimists who costed his hole in the ground



Victorian tunnel vision: investors must wait well into the next century for any hope of a financial return

Bernard Levin

I am sure you know that Caligula was assassinated in AD 41; not a moment too soon if you ask me. A hundred years later, in 141, the death of the Empress Faustina was announced, but there was no suggestion of foul play.

A century on, 341 is stuffed with excitement — the Franks invaded Gaul, pagan sacrifices were prohibited by imperial edict, there were earthquakes in Syria, Athanasius got his come-up at the Synod of Antioch and was deposed in favour of Arius. (It didn't last.)

It slows down a bit in 441; Theodosius sends a fleet against the Vandals, but it gets walloped. Theo shouldn't have been too upset, though: the Vandals do usually win, throughout history (see Gummer, *passim*). Nothing much to do in 541, even if you count Totila becoming king of the Ostrogoths; it picks up a bit in 741, with the death of Charles Martel (I have never managed to remember whether he was a goodie or a baddie). Skip to 1041, when there is some tremendous fun — all the nobility of Milan, including the Archbishop, were driven out by the populace. (There were also mysterious "tumults in Worcestershire", but no explanation for them — probably the locals were over-indulging in cider.)

Skip again, and hell breaks out in 1241; Henry the Third "disgusts his subjects" — not by picking his nose in public, but by infringing Magna Carta, whereupon Parliament refused him any money (*O si sic* Gummer!)

A lot of ups and down in 1341, though Petrarch was crowned with laurel; 1441 saw Eton founded; a shocking business in 1541 — an insurrection in Yorkshire, thought to have been instigated by the Cardinal de la Pole, and instead of having the cardinal's head cut off, the king cut off the head of the cardinal's mother. Did you *ever*?

Everyone knows that 1641 was moving towards civil war, but everyone else has forgotten that it was when Van Dyck died, at the shocking age of 42. And I bet none of you knew that Garrick's debut on any stage was in 1741.

Nearly done; 1841 saw the birth of Edward VII, who was to cause his mother much grief, and of course in 1941 we were at war.

And 2041? Come, do you expect me to be clairvoyant? Not in general, I admit, but there is one prophesy that I will take my stand on, one vision on the horizon that will still be there, one immovable object, one irresistible force, one swelling chorus to shake the stars: the year 2041 is the very last chance for Sir Alastair ("Blame someone else") Morton to blame someone else for the state of affairs which has precluded the running of even a single locomotive pulling even a single carriage even a yard through his notorious hole in the ground.

The year 2041 is not taken at random. It is the date on which the concessions end. But what if 2041 comes and goes and (making the enormous assumption that by then somebody, somehow, has managed to get at least one train at least half-way through the tunnel) Sir Alastair still cannot pay so much as a penny dividend to the original shareholders, or more realistically, their grandchildren?

And this is not just a merry way of multiplying the number I first thought of. It is very likely indeed that the poor suckers who thought they would sit back in a first-class carriage running smoothly to France, and while away the time by calculating the immense sums that their dividends were going to bring them, will find at the other end (both ends, actually) that there is not so much as a counterfeit ecu coming to them. On the contrary, even Sir Alastair has shyly admitted that he may have to ask for another *tranche*, because at the moment there isn't enough money in the kitty to buy a spare wheel.

A good many years ago, Peter Jay coined the word "bounceur"; its root of course is in "bouncer", but the extra U lengthens the sound, and makes it somehow odd and impertinent at once. It didn't catch on, but I have remembered it, because the first demonstration of it that Peter gave me concerned Concorde, and it is the parallels with the tunnel that fascinate me.

The bounceurs carefully draw up a detailed forecast of what the project will cost; they make sure that nothing has been forgotten — interest payments, provision for strikes, injuries, late delivery of materials, everything. Yet somehow, later on — amid cries of "Oh, dear!", "Well, well! Who'd have thought it?", "My, my!" — it turns out that the actual cost is several times the meticulously costed original. I cannot remember what the multiple was in the case of Concorde — that is, how many times more than the solemnly sworn budget it finally cost — but it was not small. The bounceurs had done their work, and, still puzzled, went their way to the next project that needed lots of hard cash and even more soft-headed investors.

Sir Alastair had costed the tunnel most scrupulously, and it came to £4.8 billion. When the shareholders' "last" contribution has been collected, the sum will be a little more than £10 billion. Sir Alastair will certainly blame someone else for that, but it is now a little too late for excuses. For by now, you see, we are in the inevitable trap; whether it is Concordes or tunnels or South Sea Bubbles, the very fact that the project is now costing twice its estimate makes it impossible to pull out, on the grounds that it is better to throw bad money after other bad money than to seek for a face-flannel, wherewith to wash off the egg.

If the quantity of arguments that are now pouring out from behind the struggle between Eurotunnel and Trans-Manche Link turn into litigation, they will be enough to put every lawyer's son through Eton. As for taking sides, I would as lief put my head in the mouth of a very bad-tempered tigress as try to find out who is right and who wrong. But we are long past the point of no return; only the Chancellor is allowed to throw two billion pounds down the drain in a single afternoon.

We do not learn. When it is proposed (not by Sir Alastair — though why shouldn't he be interested?) to fill in the Tuscarora Deep, there will no shortage of scrupulously thorough estimates of the cost, just as there will be no shortage of eager shareholders, and no one (well, no one but me and Peter Jay) is going to remember the achievements of the bounceurs.

The banks showed the way. Again and again, ordinary mortals reel back when they contemplate their profligacy, their incompetence, their bone-headed chiefs, their uncanny knack of trusting, with hundreds of millions, borrowers who turn out to be Robert Maxwell, if not indeed Asil Nadir. Depend upon it; if the former hadn't drowned himself, and the latter hadn't skedaddled, the banks would still be shovelling money at them, and even if they began to get nervous at the sums they were in for, they would say, with a mirthless laugh "In for a penny — we can't pull out now". (If even a quarter of *The Independent*'s story of what is going on in Barclays' boardroom is true, it would be difficult to distinguish the directors from a pack of very slightly rabid wolves. Except, perhaps, that the wolves would not, as Barclays has had to, find themselves in a hole *two billion pounds across*, for bad debt provisions in 1992.)

Another time I made sport of the tunnel, a gentleman wrote to me in perturbation. He had bought shares in it, but was worried that it might cave in and squash everyone tragically flat. I told him, of course, that the tunnel would be perfectly safe from collapse, but that he might be better off selling his shares and spending what he got in the nearest fruit-machine saloon, because he might hit the jackpot, but he certainly would not get rich from the tunnel. If he didn't take my advice then, I urge him to do so now.

STOP PRESS. I have just discovered that near Folkestone there is a mock-up of a bit of the tunnel, which visitors can explore, at £3 a go, as though they were riding through it. Ah, well, if the worst comes to the worst, that will be something saved eh, Sir Alastair?

A bottle on ice

ANY offers for a piece of polar history? A Faroe Islands fisherman has found a capsule buried in the ice near the North Pole by Sir Ranulph Fiennes during his 1977 Transglobe Expedition. Snidalvur Orvarodd, who found the capsule on a Faroe beach, is holding out for a high bid.

It may be a long wait. Unknown to Orvarodd, the alloy cylinder, which he approached gingerly at first, thinking it was a mine, contains a selection of valueless items, placed there by Fiennes' sponsor, the Scandanavian airline SAS, to mark the 20th anniversary of its first flight across the Pole. These include leaflets, articles about the pioneering flight, an SAS flag and a cigar.

Fiennes is not interested. "SAS asked us to leave the capsule there because it was the anniversary of their first trans-polar flight, and we obeyed because they were our sponsor. I am amazed that it has turned up in the Faroes. He can keep it. I never knew what was inside — it could have been the Crown Jewels for all I knew."

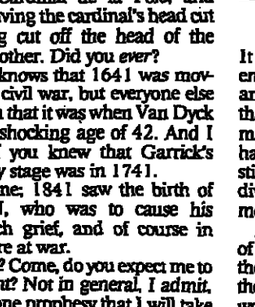
When contacted yesterday on his fishing-boat off the Faroes, his only English phrases were "You want to buy?" and "How much?" But he may get some reward. John Herbert, SAS's director of corporate communications in Copenhagen, says: "It would be nice to have it back and we are open to negotiation but I have no idea how much. We do not fly to the Faroe Islands, but if he got himself to Copenhagen I'm sure we could work something out."

● *William Waldegrave, the public service minister, last night dined with Francis Crick and Jim Watson, the scientists who, in 1953, discovered DNA. He was, according to his office, "looking forward to it". John Maddox, editor of* Nature, *which hosted the dinner, was less sure. "He may be looking forward to meeting them, but they'll want to bend his ear about the proposed privatisation of the Medical Research Council's lab in Cambridge, where they worked on DNA." Sounds like a double whammy on the double helix.*

DIARY

Pyjama game

THE BRIGHT new world of cricket, where coloured pyjamas are replacing traditional white flannels, has caused a flurry of activity in Westminster in the run up to the first Lords v Commons cricket match since 1925.



A meeting to consider dress-code has been called by Graham Allen, Labour MP for Nottingham North and captain of the Commons team, which takes to the Oval as underdog next week. "We need a meeting to sort this out. We can't have Labour players turning out in coral pink, Tories in blue and Euro-sceptics in black. I will have to emphasise that whites are to be worn," he says.

Allen admits that the Lords team is a formidable opposition. "They are stuffed full of public school blokes. And I've just heard that Bill Cash, our demon bowler, has pulled out. He has to go to Denmark because of Maastricht."

Pay as you go

ASIL NADIR'S growing confidence as he whiles away his time in the lemon groves of Northern Cyprus may have something to do with the considerable press attention he has attracted. On a conservative estimate, up to 150 visiting journalists are now on the island, and most of them are staying in hotels owned by his former company, Polly Peck.

Technically, income from the Palm Beach at Famagusta and the Jasmine Court in Kyrenia should go to the Polly Peck administrators in Britain. With both enjoying unprecedented custom so early in the season, no wonder Nadir feels confident enough to promise Polly Peck's long-suffering shareholders a "very pleasant surprise". And that's before the bar bill.

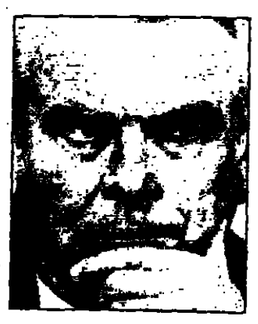
Dust on the line

JODIE FOSTER, we learn, is to star in a Hollywood disaster movie about the Channel tunnel. But Eurotunnel has already had its first crash. Visitors to the company's exhibition centre in Folkestone were appalled this weekend as two trains collided on the centre's model railway.

The crash happened just as the London-bound train was emerging from the tunnel, only to meet the French train head on.

Eurotunnel insists it is the first time the 30 ft replica, designed in 1987 to impress potential shareholders, has ever crashed. Spokeswoman Alison Porter says: "The model was being renovated and dust got into the electrics. But we would advise people not to worry. It is a model. There was a small hiccup with a locomotive. That's all."

● *Oxford University students are spluttering into their Pimms over a revelation in* Cherwell, *the university paper. The front page displays a large, full-frontal picture of a naked man, arms aloft, under the headline: "Naked May-day Frenzy". The paper is unperturbed by threats of action under obscenity laws. "It's not a question of taste, it's a question of journalistic integrity," says Greg Jackson, the editor. "He got it out for the masses, so why shouldn't we?"*





The famous four go upstairs

For the first time in 10 years the Gang of Four has been reunited in Parliament — by accident. Just hours before the Newbury result, the Gang of Three — Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, Lord Rodgers and Baroness Williams — met in the House of Lords. The three meet regularly, and were just settling down for an exchange of middle-of-the-road views when their erstwhile ally, Lord Owen (*above left*), arrived in the Lords to report on his marathon peace-broking effort in Bosnia.

Rodgers (*right*), who last week handed in his notice as director general of the Royal Institute of British Architects, says: "It was a surprise. We have not been together in Parliament since Shirley and I lost our seats in 1983.

"I exchanged courteous words with David Owen. I have exchanged only a few sentences with him since the split." Rodgers wishes Owen well in his Balkan peace mission. But he saw little prospect of a peace plan being agreed with his former colleagues. "I think feelings still run pretty deep."

DAMNED FOR DRIFTING

Honesty is the only way out of the government's hole

Among the greatest gifts for a politician is to know when to back down. Successful changes of direction can be made gracefully and invisibly or with brass-necked candour. If change is needed, the political art is to find the best way, the least damaging way, even the way that will make one's reputation shine. John Major, it seems, has given little attention to this dark art of governance. He has acceded to so many forced reverses that he has become stubborn against changing course — a combination of events and character that may yet prove his undoing.

There is always a temptation to blame the press in circumstances such as these. Several senior Conservatives took this path yesterday. The prime minister prides himself in not buckling under newspaper pressure — an argument that he used until he finally sacked David Mellor and has been using ever since Norman Lamont's economic policy and reputation were dashed by Britain's ejection from the ERM. The press is an easy scapegoat for a government that confesses itself to be "in a hole"; but as of last Thursday night, it will no longer serve in even that role. To disdain journalists is one thing; to disdain voters is quite another.

There is every indication, however, that nothing much will change. Ministers will be tempted to take "the long view". This implies that the general election is still four years away and voters have short memories. Thus the most attractive option is to do nothing in the face of the electorate's anger. The prime minister will try to ignore letters like those printed on the opposite page, sitting tight, making only the smallest policy shifts, hoping it will all turn out right in the end. Change, he might add, would look simply weak from a government already damned for drifting.

The electorate should not — and probably will not — be fooled by such a ploy. It is feeble to cling to a flawed policy until it has to be swept away as a failure. By the same argument, a frank admission of error, followed by a change of policy, can seem sound common sense. Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, has promised to alter the Criminal Justice Act to take account of magistrates' concerns. Nobody has accused him of weakness, merely of the honesty that people like from their politicians but rarely find. John Patten, the education secretary, could have avoided most of the trouble he now faces had he accepted long ago that the design, not the principle, of English tests for 14-year-olds was faulty. Instead he has managed to turn against him not just the entire teaching profession, including head teachers and independent schools, but parents too. What was conceived as a populist measure has, through poor political management, become deeply unpopular.

Concerning the Maastricht treaty, the prime minister and the foreign secretary continue to dismiss the small number of Eurosceptics in their own party as disruptive and foolish, quite ignoring the much larger proportion of voters whose views they reflect. They continue to oppose a referendum, the one act that might redeem them in the eyes of the public. Meanwhile, Mr Major and Norman Lamont not only boast about an economic recovery that most people cannot yet detect, but then expect people to be grateful to the government for its arrival.

The boldest move the prime minister could make would be to use his speech to the Conservatives' Scottish conference on Friday to make a clean breast of his mistakes. He will never manage to sound purposeful about the future until he accepts the errors of the past. Honesty and contrition is what people most want from the government. This week, Mr Major can either show strength of character by meeting that demand or he can choose to stay, like a poisoned rat, in "the hole".

IN THE FAST LANE

Whitehall's best and brightest need a new track

This term, 350 oustandingly bright young men and women in their penultimate year at university will decide to sit the civil service examinations. After gruelling tests and interviews, they will be selected to join the service's "fast track" after Finals and begin the slow ascent to Whitehall's highest ranks. For four decades, they will work together in a small cluster of government buildings in London, honing their policy-making skills and competing with one another to scale the mandarin tree. If all goes to plan, by the year 2033 the same tiny élite of students will be running the country.

So enclosed a system of preferment may seem alien to a society aspiring to greater openness and accountability. Yet the Victorian recruitment methods of Charles Trevelyan and Stafford Northcote have proved resilient, mainly because they have continually attracted the finest candidates. Disparaging the civil service has long been, as Lord Rothschild put in the 1970s, "a national pastime, rather like throwing beer bottles at football matches"; but the intellectual quality of the fast track has never been seriously questioned.

Its composition, in contrast, is still highly contentious. According to a survey last year of the upper echelons of Whitehall, nine of the top 12 permanant secretary jobs in the civil service and 74 per cent of the top grades in the Treasury were held by Oxford and Cambridge graduates, while more than 40 per cent of the fast stream entrants in 1991 had been to an ancient university. Sir Robin Buler, the head of the home service, has conceded that the Civil Service Selection Board should cast its net more widely. But as long as Oxford and Cambridge colleges compete successfully for the best school leavers, the ancient universities are bound to be disproportionatley represented in any meritocratic selection process.

Less attention should be paid to where fast track entrants come from than to the career paths they actually follow. A formalised scheme that guarantees the callow undergraduate a senior post in middle age and an honour on retirement has no place in a modern civil service. In the last five years, the Next Steps programme has moved dozens of government functions from the civil service to semi-independent executive agencies, each with its own mission statement and performance target. To run a more pluralist, decentralised service, senior officials will need a range of experience beyond that of the Whitehall oligarchy. Existing secondment schemes need to be expanded. More of Whitehall's most promising charges need experience of industry and local government.

If the fast track is to survive, it must become more flexible — and more permeable. More outsiders should be co-opted after success in the junior ranks of the civil service or in other professions: equally, weaker entrants should be removed from the scheme if they fail to live up to their youthful promise. The informal dominance of the senior civil service by the Treasury should be reduced by ensuring a more even spread of the best entrants throughout the different departments. A successful early career in the Treasury is not necessarily the right preparation for a senior post in the education or agriculture departments.

Such change will have its costs. To attract the best candidates, the government may have to pay its senior officials higher salaries. The restrictions which govern the movement of public servants into the private sector will need to be reduced in order that civil servants whose contracts have expired may gain employment elsewhere. A formal review of the Civil Service Pay and Conditions of Service Code will also be necessary to examine how these reforms will affect the traditional role of the civil servant, the duty of confidentiality and the doctrine of ministerial responsibility. Ministers must demonstrate to the public and their own officials that sound management practice is not the enemy of public service but its basis. The fast track needs a new track.

DISTAFF INTO PITON

Sympathy, not sex, is the qualification for a good traveller

If the Himalayan blizzards subside, Rebecca Stephens should soon become the first British woman to reach the summit of Everest. Only the most reckless men will envy her this equal opportunity to struggle up to that beautiful but terrible eminence.

Ms Stephens has followed a noble band of mainly British predecessors of women adventurers. Freya Stark, who died aged 100 yesterday, spent half her life exploring Arabia and the near East by camel, pony and mule, penetrating to places that few European men had ever seen. Surprisingly, Dame Freya never got around to making an attempt on Everest, though she said that she was disappointed not to have died on Annapurna in the Himalayas, which she visited at the age of 76.

Until very recently, such women adventurers were dismissed as eccentrics who refused to behave like women. Celia Fiennes, whose journey through England by side-saddle in the time of William and Mary produced the period's liveliest survey of the country, is patronised for her breathless style and erratic spelling. Lady Hester Stanhope, who became a matriarch propheress for the tribes around Mount Lebanon, was put down by Lytton Strachey for having her nose altogether in the air. Isabel Eberhart dressed as a boy, possibly prudently in the Sahara, and there were even men who raised their narrow eyebrows at Gertrude Bell's expert love of Iraq and its past.

Pioneer women travellers had to break taboos as well as frontiers. They shocked conventional prudes by refusing to conform to the domestic roles reserved for them. Most had little money: funds were reserved, like exploration, for the self-proclaimed stronger sex. But they wrote for money.

Because it was such a struggle for them to break the bounds to go travelling, women explorers of the vanished age took sympathetic curiosity with them in their travelling bags. Dame Freya's many books are deservedly popular even half a century after publication. Mary Kingsley explored Africa in high-necked blouse and thick skirt, carrying an umbrella. She later published a book called *The Blessings of a Good Thick Skirt*, after adventures in a canoe with cannibals and falls into a pit full of sharpened spikes. As Ms Stephens progresses up the last face, no doubt her agent will be not far behind her.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Calls for humility and realism after the Tory defeats

From Mr Tony Paterson

Sir, The prime minister's call for his colleagues to "adopt a more humble tone" in their public utterances (report, May 10) is the right note to strike in response to the setbacks to our party at Newbury and in the shire elections. Humility, I believe, should be the keynote. After so long in office, our party is vulnerable above all to the charge of arrogance.

The simple way to allay public concern over this, as expressed in those election results, is to accede to the wish, repeatedly put in polls by the vast majority of those surveyed, for a referendum on Maastricht.

After every party supported Maastricht at the last general election, which muzzled the treaty's opponents, it is vital to hold a referendum on this issue — more important than any general election outcome, as ratification would be so much harder to undo. The Times's campaign for a referendum has been magnificent.

There is public unease about economic policy. It does not make sense to people that the government should claim credit for ending the recession when it has only been able to achieve this through, involuntarily, leaving the exchange-rate mechanism (ERM) — meanwhile forcing Maastricht through Parliament in an unseemly and ruthless way. This would before long put us back in the ERM, with freedom of manoeuvre forfeited once again.

There is a perceived contradiction between the prime minister's talk of a classless society, which many endorse, and the activity of a powerful cross-party political class or élite which would take away our independence as a nation without even asking our permission.

Yours faithfully,
TONY PATERSON
(Conservative Parliamentary Candidate, Brent South, 1987),
76 Lonsdale Road, Barnes, SW13.
May 10.

From Mr Angus Campbell

Sir, A former Conservative county councillor whose commitments did not allow me to stand for another term, I survey last Thursday's carnage with rising anger.

From the political work-face where I stand it seems that there is an arrogant complacency in the rarefied air of Westminster, and that a fatal gap has opened between the Conservative elected members of local government and the centre. More and more decision-making is taking place in London, far from the scene of its application, and little discretion is left for those in the county council chamber.

I survey the political corpses with distress and anger. They were swept away because their own party would not heed or support them — victims of an electorate lashing out at Westminster. John Major may well say that the party has been given a "bloody nose" (report, May 8), he may show he can take it on the chin, but I fear that much has been lost. Destroy the roots and the tree shall surely die. This is a horrendous price to pay to shake a parliamentary party out of its smug arrogance.

Yours sincerely,
ANGUS CAMPBELL
(Dorset county councillor, 1989-93),
Preston Hill Farm, Iwerne Minster,
Blandford, Dorset.
May 9.

From Mr Michael J. Crowley

Sir, Surely the electorate's message to the prime minister is clear enough: Mr Norman Lamont is a price well worth paying.

Yours faithfully,
M. J. CROWLEY,
94 Bow Lane, Finchley, N12.
May 10.

From Mr Lance Mitchell

Sir, It is good to see, at last, concrete evidence that the government's adult education policies are working. There are now only 15,535 adults in the Newbury constituency who have learnt absolutely nothing in the last 14 years.

Yours faithfully,
LANCE MITCHELL,
27 Celandine Grove,
Dunston Park, Thatcham, Berkshire.
May 7.

A plea for the mentally ill

From the President of the Royal College of Psychiatrists and the Chairman of MIND

Sir, Both the Royal College of Psychiatrists and MIND receive frequent complaints about discrimination against people who are or have been diagnosed as mentally ill.

Why, for example, should jobs be denied to people because they have suffered from a mental health problem at some point in their lives, no matter how long ago and how irrelevant to the job in hand? Why should insurance companies be allowed to increase premiums for applicants who have had mental health problems, no matter how unconnected with the risk covered, and developers have the right to refuse the sale of properties for use as homes for ex-hospital patients?

The force of the law is required to prevent such discrimination. Six million people in the UK experience mental health problems each year according to general practitioners' records, amounting to one in ten people, a figure that is almost certainly an underestimate.

Yours,
ANDREW SIMS,
F. DURKIN
(Chairman, MIND),
The Royal College of Psychiatrists,
17 Belgrave Square, SW1.
May 8.

Church in turmoil

From the Reverend Janet Stewart

Sir, I must correct Mr Rodney Bennett-England's assumption (letter, May 5) that huge numbers of non-church-going people wish only male clergy to baptise, marry and bury them and their families.

As a woman deacon since 1987 I have not found this to be true. In the early days, on making the initial visit appointment on the phone, I used to say that I was a woman minister and ask whether they would mind me taking the service. In all cases there was the astonished response — "Why should we object?" After the service, I and my women deacon friends have had many compliments, to the effect of how much our ministry has been valued.

My husband (a Church of England priest) sometimes says to me — or to our lady deacon on the staff — that a particular baptism, wedding or funeral might be better served by one of us, with our differing gifts and approach. Such teamwork has been much appreciated within the church and beyond.

If people, unused to the idea of a woman taking services, are encouraged by male clergy to accept women's ministry, then far from the Church being in danger, it is enriched.

Yours sincerely,
JANET STEWART,
St Mark's Vicarage,
212 Bridge Road, Oulton Broad,
Lowestoft, Suffolk.
May 6.

From the Reverend Dr Ian Ker

Sir, The letter from the secretary-general of the General Synod (May 3) surely, if unwittingly, provides a much more damning indictment of the Church of England's claim to be the national church than John Gummer's undeniable point that significantly more Roman Catholics than Anglicans are to be found in church on Sunday.

For the question one cannot help but ask is how a Church which commands a nominal allegiance of less than 10 per cent of the population now not only has an attendance figure higher than that of the established church but, no less significantly, now has a baptismal figure of between one third and one half of that of the Church of England which, according to Simon Hughes's article ("Why Gummer got it wrong", April 29), is still the national church.

Mr Gummer's article ("Betraying history", April 23) merely acknowledged that the emperor no longer has many clothes to hide the nakedness of his claims. The disestablishment of the Church of England is only a matter of time.

Yours faithfully,
IAN KER,
Frith Cottage, Horse Gate Rise,
Ascot, Berkshire.
May 3.

From Mr Mark Speeks

Sir, The Reverend John Samuel (letter, April 23) describes Miss Widdecombe's departure to Rome as a denial of the "very beliefs" for which Hugh Latimer died, namely the rejection of papal authority and the "unbiblical doctrine of the Mass", supposedly the doctrine of the transubstantiation.

To say that transubstantiation is "unbiblical" is essentially to misunderstand the eucharist and the Church's appreciation of the eucharist altogether. The sacrament of the eucharist is understood to be a deduced sacrament from the biblical texts; that is to say that, while the eucharist is explicitly mentioned, its essential form and meaning can only reveal themselves with the attendant use of reason and revelation.

Certainly, the Bible may not "prove" the Real Presence as understood by the Catholic Church, but then neither does the Bible "prove" any other doctrinal expression. However, the doctrine of transubstantiation can and does claim verification of its understanding from the Bible and is indeed "biblical".

It should also be considered that the eucharist was practised by the Church from its very beginnings when the Word of God was still subject to "oral" transmission and before the earliest books of the New Testament were written down. To dismiss the practice and understanding of the earliest Churches as taught by the witnesses of Christ and the continued and continual work of revelation by the Holy Spirit in preference for an attitude of biblical legalism is to miss something of the glory of Christ.

Yours sincerely,
MARK SPEEKS,
4 rue du Roi de Sicile, 75004 Paris.
April 23.

Moving to the left

From Miss Jill Bickerton

Sir, The trouble with making it legal to overtake on the left on motorways (Mr Graham Bigg's letter, April 30) is that it would give the speed merchants carte blanche to "push" in every lane, instead of just the "fast" one.

Maybe it works when you have bigger roads and slower speed limits, as in the United States, but personally I appreciate the comparative safety of 50-60 mph in the slow lane, freed from the pressure on one's tail of drivers constantly wanting to go faster.

Whose "frustration", as Mr Bigg puts it, is more important — those who put speed before safety or those who put safety before speed? Looking after people injured in car accidents — often the result of unsafe speeds — leaves me in no doubt.

Yours faithfully,
JILL BICKERTON,
2 Queensdale Walk, W11.

Sex inequality

From Lady Wagner

Sir, Perhaps all is not so bleak as Irene Harris (letter, May 6) would have us believe in so far as women in senior management are concerned.

Out of a group of 26 major service charities who meet together for discussion three times a year — the All Saints Group, of which I am the convener — 11 have women in the chair. They are ultimately responsible for expenditure which runs to hundreds of millions of pounds between them. If voluntary organisations did not manage their affairs on business-like principles they would soon have no affairs to manage.

Yours sincerely,
GILLIAN WAGNER
(Chair, Thomas Coram Foundation for Children),
10 Physic Place,
Royal Hospital Road, SW3.

Sir Roy's BA role

From Mr Stephen Hanscombe

Sir, The contribution of Sir Roy Watts (obituary, May 5) to the transformation of British Airways' financial performance in the run-up to the airline's privatisation was fundamental.

BA's main problem in the early 1980s was its very high cost levels, caused largely by the fact that it was grossly over-staffed. As group managing director, Roy Watts was fully aware of this, and after Lord King became chairman, he had the necessary backing to tackle the problem. In about 18 months between 1981 and 1983 he reduced BA's staff numbers from 56,000 to just over 37,000, the lowest figure in the airline's history. The financial effect was to cut company costs by about £200 million, the largest single factor in restoring BA to profitability.

In addition to his exceptional managerial skills, Roy Watts was a man of unshakeable probity. There were no "dirty tricks" when he was managing director.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN HANSCOMBE
(Chairman), Air UK,
Stansted House, Stansted Airport,
Stansted, Essex.
May 5.

Pirate's handle

From Mr Alan Hadfield

Sir, I do not possess a stuffed crocodile (Diary, May 10, *Peter Pan* and the National Maritime Museum exhibition on pirates) but I am faced with a poser set the other day by my daughter, Laura (aged almost seven). What was Captain Hook's name before he lost his hand?

Yours sincerely,
ALAN HADFIELD,
12 Chipstead Close, Maidstone, Kent.
May 10.

Editor's bouquet

From Mr David Astor

Sir, Lord Rees-Mogg's generous review of the role of *The Observer* (article, May 3) recognises that its essential character had been maintained despite its present proprietorship, and he rightly welcomes its transfer to the ownership of *The Guardian*. I consider both these achievements owe a great deal to its present editor, Donald Trelford. I doubt whether anyone else could have steered it more successfully under the extraordinary conditions of its recent past to reach its new base in The Scott Trust.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID ASTOR
(Editor, *The Observer*, 1948-75;
Director, 1976-81),
9 Cavendish Avenue, NW8.

Fond memories

From Mr B. N. Sefton-Forbes

Sir, Mr Philip Wake (letter, May 8) feels he has left it too late to be able to look down, when he dies, and listen to people say that "he was a good man and did good things". But at least he expects to be looking down, not up.

Yours sincerely,
B. N. SEFTON-FORBES,
Fairfield Lodge, Salisbury Road,
Blandford Forum, Dorset.

Golden silences

From Mrs Elizabeth Nicholson

Sir, I am always puzzled by people who claim they want more good news (letters, May 7). Surely events that we classify as news are those which are out of the ordinary. The day when the good things in life become so abnormal as to be newsworthy will be very bad news for all of us.

Yours faithfully,
ELIZABETH NICHOLSON,
116 Narbonne Avenue, SW4.

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Unhealthy decisions

From Dr D. A. Chamberlain and Mr D. J. Parker

Sir, Dr James Le Fanu (Body and Mind, April 27) writes of the failure of provision of important cardiac services for the elderly. His own reluctance to refer for investigation a 75-year-old man with severe and deteriorating angina is typical of current practice.

Treatment of angina pectoris by surgery or balloon angioplasty is highly effective in many patients, including the elderly, and should be considered if drug treatment fails. Relief of symptoms that can profoundly influence quality of life — and in many of the more severe cases long-term survival — should not be withheld on account of age alone.

It happens because cardiologists and surgeons are constrained by purchasers who have inadequate funds within the new internal market, as they were constrained previously by limited allocations from regional health authorities. This will continue to happen until there is a political will to ease the mismatch between provision and need. For all major cardiac procedures we are at, or at least near, the bottom of the Western Europe league table for what is available to patients. We provide, for example, approximately half (by proportion) the number of investigations and interventions for cardiac disease that are undertaken in France, Germany, Switzerland and The Netherlands.

Meanwhile, who can say that Dr Le Fanu's hesitation in referring his elderly patient to a cardiac centre was inappropriate? All of us intent on serving patients with heart disease wish we could avoid such decisions.

Yours faithfully,
DOUGLAS CHAMBERLAIN
(President),
JOHN PARKER (President-elect),
British Cardiac Society,
9 Fitzroy Square, W1.

Road threat to Bath

From Dr R. W. K. Reeves

Sir, Mr Michael Briggs, of the Bath Preservation Trust, deplores (letter, May 3) the fact that the Bath bypass will be dual carriageway and not single carriageway. I should point out that the main purpose of the bypass is to be part of a major trunk road connecting Southampton and Poole with the M4, Wales and the north.

No doubt the A46 running up from Bath to the M4 will be similarly widened and then the missing piece of trunk road will be fitted in running south from Batheaston to Beckington. This trunk road will pass to the north, east and south of Bradford on Avon and thus provide a bypass which that town desperately needs.

If the Secretary of State really wishes future road schemes to take account of the environment, he should upgrade the A350 from Beckington, bypassing Trowbridge, Melksham and Chippenham and leading to the M4.

Yours faithfully,
R. W. K. REEVES,
Little Chalfield,
Melksham, Wiltshire.
May 6.

Vanishing vistas

From Sir John Johnson, Chairman of the Countryside Commission

Sir, There are many of us like Mr S. J. McKay (letter, May 3) who miss the views of England when we are driving along our motorways. Roadside vistas are limited by the need to mask traffic noise. Often the only interest is to see how the new woodland planting on the verges is coming on.

A good example is the A40 between Oxford and Cheltenham. The Witney bypass is insulated from the surrounding countryside. When it ends, just before Burford, fine views of the Cotswolds unfold on one side and then the crest line of the North Wessex Downs marches on the other horizon.

If car ownership continues to rise steeply we will lose the old ridge roads. Congestion leads inevitably to calls for more bypasses. The perception of the open road would disappear except perhaps in some of the quieter counties of the north and west. If you really want to enjoy the view, travel by train.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN JOHNSON,
Chairman, Countryside Commission,
John Dower House, Crescent Place,
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 10: The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended the Annual Banquet given by the Wine and Spirit Trades' Benevolent Society, Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, London W1.

Mr Brian McGrath was in attendance.

May 10: The Princess Royal today visited Staffordshire and was received by Colonel Walter James (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Staffordshire).

Her Royal Highness, President, the Rural Housing Trust, this morning opened Harpur Crew Cottages, Top of Hope, Alstonefield, and attended a reception at Alstonefield Village Hall.

The Princess Royal later opened Almshouse Croft, Bradley, and reopened Bradley Village Hall.

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, this evening gave a reception for members of the Young Presidents' Organisation at Buckingham Palace.

CLARENCE HOUSE
May 10: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present at a reception at the Imperial War Museum given to mark the 50th Anniversary of the formation of Royal Air Force 617 (Dambusters) Squadron.

The Hon Mrs Rhodes and Sir Alastair Aird were in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 10: The Prince of Wales left *Royal Air Force Lyneham this* morning for a visit to Rome.

His Royal Highness attended a luncheon given by President Scalfaro.

The Prince of Wales, Founder and President, The Prince of Wales's Institute of Architecture, this afternoon visited Villa Caprarola.

Mr Stephen Lamport was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 10: The Princess of Wales, President, Hospital for Sick Children, this morning visited the hospital, Great Ormond Street, London WC1.

Mr Patrick Jephson was in attendance.

May 10: The Duke of Gloucester today visited Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire (Mr James Crowden) and for Northamptonshire (Mr John Lowther).

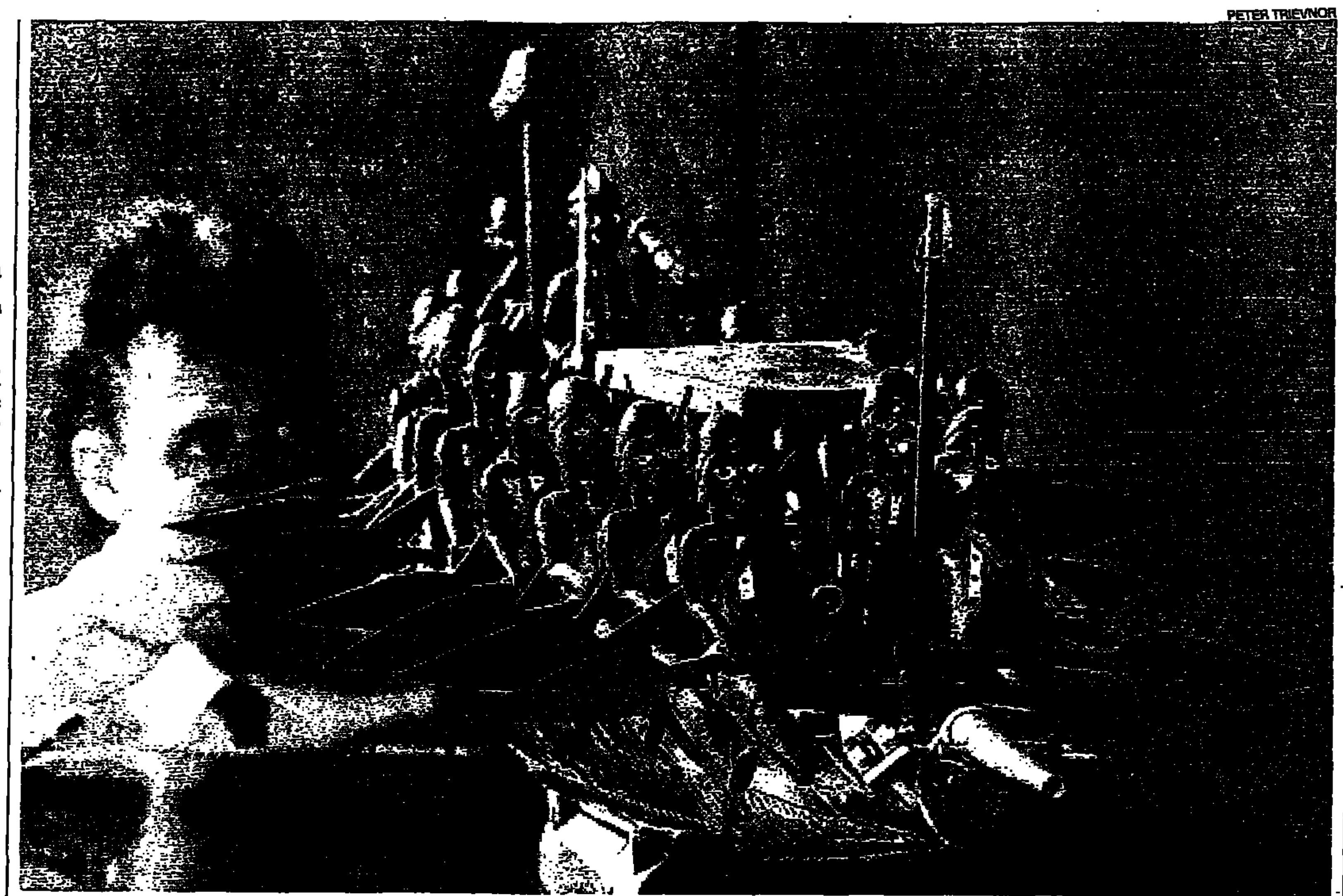
His Royal Highness opened the new buildings at Hinchingbrooke School, Brampton Road, Huntingdon, and later opened the European Information Bureau at the Peterborough Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Thorpe Road, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire.

Afterwards The Duke of Gloucester opened the Green Lane Clinic, Thrapston, and later was present at a reception to celebrate the 300th anniversary of Ecton House, Ecton Lane, Sywell, Northamptonshire.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 10: The Duke of Kent this afternoon visited and planted a commemorative tree at the offices of the South Oxfordshire District Council, Crowmarsh, Wallingford, Oxfordshire, and was met on arrival by Mr Charles Parker (Deputy Lieutenant of Oxfordshire).

Commander Roger Walker, RN was in attendance.



PETER TRIEVNOR

Ready for battle: a model of a Nigerian war canoe, with a copper-plated hull, carved figures and three cannon, which was presented to the Queen by the Rivers People of Port Harcourt during the royal tour of Nigeria in 1956. The canoe is on show among Royal Presents from the Commonwealth, one of four exhibitions celebrating the centenary of the Commonwealth Institute in London, which the Queen opens today

Birthdays today

Vice-Admiral Sir Edward Anson, 64; Sir Edgar Beck, president, John Mowlem and Company, 82; Lady Rachel Billington, writer, 51; Sir Rhodes Boyson, MP, 68; Professor M.J. Hamlin, principal and vice-chancellor, Dundee University, 63; Sir Ernest Harrison, chairman, Racal Electronics, 67; Professor Antony Hewish, radio astronomer, 69; Mr Justice Hollis, 66; Sir Robert Hunt, former chairman, Dowty Group, 75; Brigadier Joan Moriarty, former matron-in-chief and director, Army Nursing services, 70; Mr John Parrott, snooker player, 29; Mr Jeremy Paxman, broadcaster, 43; Sir Ian Percival, QC, 72; Mr Ian Redpath, cricketer, 52; Miss Natasha Richardson, actress, 30; Mr Mike Sleman, rugby player, 42; Miss Judith Weir, composer, 39; Lord White of Hull, 70; the Hon Montague Woodhouse, Greek resistance organizer, 76.

Armourers and Brasiers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Armourers and Brasiers' Company for the ensuing year:

Master, Brigadier Geoffrey L.D. Duckworth; Upper Warden, the Rev Piers E. de D. Warburton; Renter Warden, Mr Godfrey C. Honnywill.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Reginald Pole, Archbishop of Canterbury 1556-58, Stourton Castle, Staffordshire, 1500; David Hamilton, architect, Glasgow, 1768; Irving Berlin, composer, Temum, Russia, 1888; Martha Graham, dancer, Allegheny, Pennsylvania, 1894; Salvador Dali, painter, Figueras, Spain, 1904.

DEATHS: Matteo Ricci, Jesuit missionary, China, 1610; Jules-Hardouin Mansard, architect, Versailles, 1708; Catherine Cockburn, dramatist, Morpeth, 1749; William Pitt the Elder, 1st Earl of Chatham, Prime Minister 1756-61 and 1766-68, Hayes, Kent, 1778; Spencer Perceval, Prime Minister 1809-12, assassinated in the House of Commons, 1812; Tom Cribb, champion of the Prize Ring, London, 1848; Marshall Hall, physician, Brighton, 1857; Sir John Herschel, astronomer, Collingwood, Kent, 1871; Juan Gris, Cubist, Boulogne, 1927; Edward Herbert Thompson, archaeologist, Plainfield, New Jersey, 1935; Alvar Aalto, architect and designer, Helsinki, 1976; Bob Marley, singer, Miami, 1981; H.A.R. (Kim) Philby, British double agent, Moscow, 1988.

The original Siamese twins, Chang and Eng, were born of Chinese parents in Siam, 1811.

Forty spectators were killed and 150 injured in a fire at Bradford City football ground, 1985.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will open the centenary exhibitions of the Commonwealth Institute at 2.45.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Patron and Trustee of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, will attend a dinner at Guildhall at 7.30.

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of the National Aids Trust, will attend a luncheon at Claridge's at 12.45.

Prince Edward, as Patron of the Royal Exchange Theatre Company, will attend a dinner at the Serpentine Gallery, Hyde Park, at 7.30 in support of the theatre.

The Princess Royal, as Chancellor of London University, will open the new building for the Eisai Research Laboratory at University College at 11.00; will visit The Deanery, Amen Court, at 2.15; and, as President of the Animal Health Trust, will attend the Civil Engineers' dinner at the Dorchester hotel at 7.30.

Princess Margaret will open the Lord Roberts Wing at the Princess Christian Homes of the Forces Help Society and Lord Roberts Workshops at Knaphill, Surrey, at 3.30.

The Duchess of Gloucester will visit Newlands House Cheshire Home at Netherseal at 11.00; will visit Fairy Step Shoes, Commerce Street, at noon; will visit Dunnicliffe Brothers, Castle Street, Melbourne, at 12.45; will visit the community fair at Melbourne Parish Church at 2.20; and will visit the National Farmers' Union display at Samuel Jackson Growers, Kings Newton, at 3.00.

The Duke of Kent, as President of the Engineering Council, will attend a meeting at 10 Maltravers Street, WC2, at 10.25.

The Duchess of Kent will present the Royal Philharmonic Society music awards at the Dorchester hotel at 7.40.

Luncheons and dinners

HM Government
Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Defence, was host yesterday at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House in honour of M Leo Delcroix, Belgian Minister for Defence.

Newspaper Press Fund
Mr James Neil, Managing Director of News International Newspapers (Scotland), and Chairman of the Glasgow and West of Scotland district, Newspaper Press Fund, accompanied by Mrs Neil, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at the Marriott Hotel, Glasgow. Mr Andrew Neil, Editor of *The Sunday Times*, and Mr Alec Cameron, chief sports writer of the *Daily Record* and vice-president of the fund, also spoke. The Very Rev William Morris said grace. During luncheon the chairman reported that the district had contributed £28,489 towards the fund and had received £11,094 in grants for dependents. Mr Paul Tomley and Mr Alan Bones of BT presented the fund with a cheque for £6,000. Among those present were:

The Archbishop of Glasgow, Viscount Rothermere (president, NPF), Lord and Lady McCluskey, Mr David Sanderson (Strathclyde regional convenor) and the Lady Convenor, Mr and Mrs Ian Skelly, Mr Peter Evans, Mr Endell J Laird (editor-in-chief, *Scottish Daily Record* and *Sunday Mail*) and Mrs Laird, Mr George McKechnie (editor, *Evening Times*) and Mrs McKechnie, other editors of Scotland's national newspapers, Mr Chris White (director-secretary, Celtic Football Club) and Mrs White, Mr Walter Smith (director-manager, Rangers Football Club) and Mrs Smith, Mr Ally McColst (Rangers and Scotland), Mr Andy Roxburgh (national coach, Scotland), officials of the Scottish Football Association and the Scottish League, Mr Gair Stott (Marriott Hotels, Scotland) and Mr Doug Scott and Miss Linda Bain (Carlsberg Tetley).

Danish-UK Chamber of Commerce
Mr Howard Davies, Director-General of the CBI, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon arranged by the Danish Chamber of Commerce, the Norwegian Chamber of Commerce and the Swedish Chamber of Commerce at the Hyde Park Hotel yesterday. Mr James G. Davis, Chairman of the Danish-UK Chamber of Commerce, was host. The Ambassadors for Denmark, Norway and Finland were among the guests.

Dinners

The Wine and Spirit Trades' Benevolent Society
The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, KG, KT, spoke on behalf of the guests at the annual dinner of the Wine and Spirit Trades' Benevolent Society held last night at Grosvenor House on Park Lane. Other speakers were Le Comte Ghislain de Vogüé, President, and the Viscount Marchwood, Chairman.

ABSA Goodman and Garrett Awards
The Secretary of State for National Heritage, the Hon Peter Brooke, CH, MP, was guest speaker at a Dinner held last night at the Tate Gallery for the presentation of The Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts's Goodman and Garrett Awards, sponsored by Reed Elsevier. Sir Simon Hornby, Chairman of ABSA, and Mr Peter Davis, Chief Executive of Reed Elsevier, were the hosts. The Awards were presented to Lord Sainsbury of Preston Candover and Ms Ruth McKenzie. Among those present were:

Lord Goodman, CH, Baroness O'Cathain, Sir Peter Parker, Baroness James of Holland Park, Mr Tony Garrett, Mrs Vivien Duffield, Mr Jocelyn Stephens, Mr Nicholas Serota and Mr Colin Tweedy.

Furniture Makers' Company
Sir Greville Spratt, Lord Mayor *locum tenens*, presented the Furniture Makers' Company Master's Award for Young Enterprise to Mr Tim Wood and the Guild Mark prize to Mr Tom Samuel at a dinner held last night at Merchant Taylors' Hall. Mr Brian Perring, Master, presided. Mr John Pervin and Mr Raymond Leigh, Senior Warden, also spoke. Among others present were:

Mr Sheriff and Alderman Roger Cork, Mrs E J Peacock, MP, the Masters of the Carpenters', Innholders', Farriers', Loriners' and Farmers' Companies, the Master of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators and the Prime Warden of the Blacksmiths' Company.

Lord Mayor of Westminster
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster were hosts last night at a dinner held at City Hall in honour of past Lord Mayors of Westmister.

Athenaeum
The Right Rev Lord Coggan presided at a talk dinner held last night at the Athenaeum. Rabbi Dr D.M. Cohn-Sherbok was the speaker.

School news

The Oratory Preparatory School
To celebrate 25 years at Great Oaks there will be a Reunion Day on Sunday, June 13. All past pupils of the School interested in joining in with the celebrations should contact the School Secretary for further details. Telephone number (0734) 844511.

Inner Temple

Mr Justice Wilson and Mr Justice Kirkwood have been elected Masters of the Bench.

Church news

Appointments
The Rev Andrew Piper, Team Vicar, Lewes All Saints, St Anne, St Michael and St Thomas: to be Team Rector, Worth (Chichester).

The Rev Raymond Samme, Curate, St Alkmund's, Derby (Derby): to be Vicar, Good Shepherd, Collier Row (Chelmsford).

The Rev Bill Snelson, Vicar, Bardsey, and Diocesan Ecumenical Officer (Ripon): to be West Yorkshire County Ecumenical Officer (Ripon).

The Rev Wendy Wilby, Curate, Barwick w Scholes (Ripon): to be Parish Deacon, St Peter's, Harrogate (Ripon).

The Rev Donald Whittome, General Licence, diocese Chichester: now non-stipendiary Curate, Poynings w Edburton, Newtimber and Pyecombe, same diocese.

Resignations and retirements
The Ven Norman McDermid, Archdeacon of Richmond, diocese Ripon: to retire as from August 31.

The Rev Canon Derek Tansill, Team Rector, Horsham Team Ministry, and Rural Dean of Horsham (Chichester): resigned as Rural Dean of Horsham as from March 31.

The Rev David White, Rector, Lapford, Nymet Rowland and Coldridge (Exeter): to retire as from July 31.

The Rev Canon John Short, Priest-in-charge, Peldon w Great and Little Wigborough (Chelmsford): to retire as from May 24.

The Rev Noel Stone, Rector, North Witham, South Witham, Stainby and Gunby (Lincoln): retired as from April 3.

The Rev John Wilson, Rector, The Heyfords w Rousham and Somerton (Oxford): to retire as from May 31.

Forthcoming marriages

Le Comte Jean-François de Chambrun and Raine Countess Spencer
The engagement is announced between Jean-François, son of the Marquis and the Marquise de Chambrun, of Garibondy, Le Cannet, France, and Raine, daughter of the late Alexander McCorquodale, and of Dame Barbara Cartland, and widow of the 8th Earl Spencer, of 24 Farm Street, London, W1.

Mr J.E. Fletcher and Miss S.C. Seymour
The engagement is announced between James, younger son of Mr G.E. Fletcher, of Stourton, Staffordshire, and Mrs W.J. Fletcher, of Hartlebury, Worcestershire, and Susanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Seymour, of Binghams Park, Water End, Hertfordshire.

Mr J.F. McKee and Miss H.A. Simpson
The engagement is announced between James, younger son of Dr and Mrs Robert McKee, of Louth, Lincolnshire, and Helen, only daughter of the late Mr Morrison Simpson and of Mrs Gillian Simpson, of Caversham, Berkshire.

Mr I.C. Marris and Miss C.C. Venman
The engagement is announced between Ian, only son of the late Mr and Mrs Philip Marris, of Totteridge, London, and Christine, only daughter of Mrs Amy Venman, of Southgate, London, and of Mr Albert Venman, of Willingham, Cambridgeshire.

Mr P.M. Marsh and Miss K.J. Adams
The engagement is announced between Matthew, only son of Mr John Marsh, of Dedham, and Mrs Michael Shorrock, of Alderley Edge and stepson of Mr Michael Shorrock, QC, and Katherine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Adams, of Walgherton, Cheshire.

Mr M.K.B. Saxby and Miss G.S. Duckworth
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Saxby, of Fourstones, Northumberland, and Georgina, daughter of Mr Simon Duckworth, of Wetherby, Yorkshire, and Mrs Andrea Duckworth, of Ilkley, Yorkshire.

Dr W.J. Tompson and Miss J.C. Nicholson
The engagement is announced between William, younger son of Lieutenant-Colonel John C. Tompson, retd, and Mrs Tompson, of San Antonio, USA, and Julia, daughter of Sir Bryan and Lady Nicholson, of Kingswood, Surrey.

Marriage

Mr J. Cunningham-Reid and Miss S.F. Soames
The marriage took place on Tuesday, May 4, in London of John, son of the late Captain Bobby Cunningham-Reid and of Mrs Angela Williams, to Sarah, daughter of Mr Sam Soames and the late Mrs Margaret Soames.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League
Mrs Marie Louise Rossi was the guest speaker at a meeting of the discussion circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Miss Madge Gill presided.

Appointment

Colonel John Holland to be a Deputy Lieutenant for Greater London.

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BIRTHS

BARKER - On 27th April, to Eva-Marie (née Thessman) and Simon, a daughter, Anya Alice Marie, a sister for Josh.

BAYLISS - On 6th May, to Sarah and Jonathan, a son, Walter Richard Bridgeman.

BLACKMORE - On 30th April, to Tina and Charles, a son, Toby Allan, a brother for Oliver and Jack.

BROWN - On May 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Trudie Timlin and Stephen, a son, Walter, a brother for Edward and Araminta.

BUXTON - On 1st May 1993, to Rachel (née Lawrence Smith) and Richard, a son, Clym Frederick Arthur.

COLLINS - On 9th May at Melrose, to Jennifer (née Reid) and Rory, a son, Alexander, a brother for Henrietta and Edward.

COVER - On May 9th at The Portland Hospital, to Allyson and Michael, a son, David Michael.

de FERRANTI - On 8th May, to Christian and Adrian, a daughter.

DEVINE - On May 8th 1993, at John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Vivienne (née Fletcher) and Francis, a daughter, Jennifer Tracey, sister for Edward, Thomas and Gregory.

DOVE - On 8th May, at Ninewells, Dundee, to Giles and Katherine - a son, Christopher Giles.

DRUMMOND - On May 7th, at The Eastern General Hospital, Edinburgh, to Elizabeth and Norman, a son, Rory, a brother for Andrew, Margaret, Marie Clare and Christian.

DUSER - On May 5th at The Portland Hospital, to Camilla (née Lipton) and Thorsten, a daughter, Isabelle Antonia Alice, a sister for Olivia.

EKSERDJIAN - On May 7th, to Susan (Moore) and David, a son, Alexander.

FLOOD - On May 5th, to Colm and Emma, a beautiful baby girl, Eleanor Stephanie, a sister for Freddie.

GIBBON - On May 7th, to Annabel (née Barker) and Thomas, a son, William Fitzmaurice Jacomb.

GILBERTSON - On May 1st, to Charlotte (née Wells) and Giles, a daughter, Harriet Frances.

HARRIS - On 6th May 1993 at the Royal United Hospital, Bath, to Judith (née Everett) and Malcolm, a son, Andrew Edward Martin, who sadly passed away after six hours.

HINDLE - On May 2nd at 6.25 at The Portland Hospital, to Christine (née Frain) and Mark, a beautiful daughter, Millicent Rose, weighing 7lbs 6½oz.

JAMES DUFF - On May 7th 1993, to Jayne (née Bryce) and David, a son, Gardie Beauchamp.

LAYTON - On May 3rd at the Wellington Hospital, to Sarah (née Nelson) and Nigel, a son, Oliver Julian, a brother for Hannah.

LININGTON - On 4th May, to Mark and Alice (née Fuller), twins, Max and Jasmine.

LONGRIGG - On 30th April 1993, to Dorothea and William, a daughter, Olivia Magdalena Jane.

MANNO - On May 6th, 8:12 am at The Portland Hospital, to Amber (née Wilson) and Christopher, an adorable daughter, Olivia, 8lbs.

MILLS - On April 30th, to Amanda (née Jessop) and Charlie, a daughter, Francesca Chelsea, a sister to Freddie.

MURPHY - On 10th May, in Melbourne, to Joanna (née Davidson Smith) and Robert, a son, Nicholas Godin.

NEIL-SMITH - On May 9th, at Queen Mary's, Roehampton, to Susanna (née Wilson) and David, a daughter, Maria Florence.

NICOLL - On 10th May 1993, to Karen (née Addison) and Jonathan, a son, Frederick James.

PARKER - On 8th May, to Julia (née Hamilton) and Robin, a son, Guy.

PEDRICK - On April 20th, to Suzanne (née Rawlins) and Charles, a son Hamish George a brother for Angus and William.

SPARROW - On May 6th, to Susanne (née Eriksen) and Toby, a daughter, Emma.

TAYLOR - On Saturday 1st May, to Karen and Colin, a daughter, Emma Jane.

THOMAS - On April 29th, to Selina (née Morris) and Christopher, a daughter, Emily.

VERE NICOLL - On May 9th in Winchester, to Cate and Nigel, a son, Frederick John.

WHEELER - On May 4th 1993, to Kate (née Anderson) and Simon, a son, Oliver Patrick Campbell, a brother for Alexandra.

YOUNGER - On 7th May, to Charlie and Sally, a beautiful daughter (stillborn) Georgina Harriet. A sister for Arabella and Katrina. Forever in all our thoughts.

DEATHS

ARNOLD - On Monday 10th May, peacefully at home in her 88th year, Constantia, widow of Ralph Arnold. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Swerford, Oxfordshire, on Friday 14th May at 3 pm. Family flowers only.

BAINBRIDGE - On May 7th, suddenly in Bristol, William (Billy) formerly of Cheshire. Dearly loved husband of Jackie, loving father of Tim and Simon, father-in-law of Bettina and grandfather of Alexander. Funeral private. No flowers. No donations please.

BOYD - On 4 May, Philip Ralston, much loved by all his extensive family and friends. The funeral will be in the Church of our Lady of Mount Carmel, Stock, Essex at noon on Thursday 13 May. No flowers please, but donations if desired to the Treasurer, Parkinsons's Disease Society, 22 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1H ORA or Age Concern England at 60 Pitcairn Road, Mitcham, Surrey. Any enquiries to T. Pennick & Son (0245) 471157.

BRYMER - George Trevor, May 9th 1993 peacefully at his home in North Wales. Dearly loved husband of Caroline and a fond father and grandfather. Funeral on Wednesday May 12th, service and committal at Bangor Crematorium at 2.30pm. Donations in lieu of flowers accepted towards Cancer Research and the District Nurses Fund by the Funeral Directors, G. Jones & Son, South Road, Caernarfon, Gwynedd. tel: (0286) 673072.

BURROUGHS - On May 5th 1993, peacefully at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, after a long and gallant fight, Lucy Dionas, beloved wife, sister, aunt, great-aunt and friend. The funeral service will be held at Lodge Hill Crematorium, Weoley Park Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham, on Thursday May 13th at 3.30pm. Family flowers only please to A.B. Taylor Funeral Services, 49 Wolverhampton Road South, Birmingham B32 2AY. Donations if desired to the same address for division between Cancer Research and St Mary's Hospice, Birmingham.

CARY-ELWES - Irene. Peacefully on Sunday 9th May, aged 87, beloved sister of Lily, Evelyn, Eustace and Oswald. At Long Melford Court Nursing Home. Funeral at Beccles R.C. Church, Suffolk - Friday 14th May 2 pm.

CROMBIE - Peacefully on 8th May, Nancy, beloved wife of Alistair Crombie, mother of Sophie, Charles, James and Nicholas, grandmother of Tom, Olivia, Jessica, Celia, Angus and Timothy and step-grandmother of Jo, Zoë and Fiona. Burial at Ramsgill, Yorkshire, on Tuesday 18th May at 2.30 pm. Flowers (no wreaths please) and all enquiries to Lee & Holmes, Funeral Directors (0423-712062). Requiem Mass at the Catholic Chaplaincy, St Aldate's, Oxford, on Saturday 29th May at 12.15 pm.

DUKE - Peacefully on Sunday 9th May, 1993, Timothy Nevile, beloved husband of Deborah and father of Alexandra and William. Funeral Service at St Bartholomew's Church, Burwash, Friday 14th May at 2 pm. Family flowers only please, but donations, if desired, to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, c/o C. Waterhouse & Sons, High Street, Burwash, East Sussex.

EWEN - On Monday 10th May 1993, Peter, 90 next month, suddenly in Moretonhampstead Hospital. Beloved husband of the late Janet, loving father of Margaret and Alison. Much loved grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral private.

FOULKES - On 9th May, 1993, Dr. Ernest Martin Foulkes, C.B.E., Hon. M.D., Hon. F.R.C.P., founder of the Foulkes Foundation, peacefully after a long fight borne with typical fortitude. Funeral at Hoop Lane Cemetery, Golders Green, at 2pm on Wednesday 12th May. No flowers please: donations to Children and Youth Aliyah, Britannia House, 960 High Road, London N12 9YA.

GUEVARA - Meraud. Peacefully aged 87 on Thursday 6th May 1993, in Paris.

HALL - On May 8th 1993, peacefully at home Margaret (Peggy), née Lowe, aged 73 years, the dear mother of Peter and William. Funeral service at St Peter's Church, Prestbury, on Friday May 14th at 11 am, followed by cremation at Macclesfield. Enquiries and flowers to: J.W. Brocklehurst & Sons Ltd., tel: (0625) 829232.

HARBORD - Ralph Evelyn. Beloved husband of Betty. Ever loving father of Robert and Jeremy. Loving grandfather to Harry, James and Sophie. Died Sunday 9th May 1993 after 78 happy years. Family funeral. Family flowers only please. Will be missed very much.

HIGGINS - On 6th May 1993 very suddenly, Anthony aged 74 years, of Lower Peover, beloved husband of June and much loved father and father-in-law of Kate, Rupert and Hilary and Guy and loving grandfather of Jenny and Ben. Funeral Service and Committal at Altrincham Crematorium on Wednesday 12th May at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if wished for Action Research for the Crippled Child. Donations and enquiries to Dodgson's Funeral Service, 25 Manchester Road, Knutsford. tel: (0565) 634251.

HOBLYN - On May 10th 1993, peacefully and lovingly cared for at Rodmell House R.H. Tunbridge Wells, Muriel aged 87. Widow of Donald Hoblyn, mother of Ann Clyde, Damaris Appleton and Clare Wells. Funeral Service at Penshurst Church on Friday May 14th at 3 pm. Family flowers only. No letters please.

HOLLAND - On 6th May 1993, Timothy Langham Rokeby, Suddenly in London, of Queen's Cove, Bermuda, aged 66. Dearly loved brother of Tony, David and Caroline. Service at St Michael & All Angels, Sunninghill, 11.30 am Tuesday 18th May. Family flowers only. Donations, if wished, to The British Heart Foundation, 14 Fitzhardinge Street, London W1H 4DH.

HUGHES - Ruth, on 8th May, greatly loved wife of Ossie and mother of Philippa, Rod and Jo and adored grandmother. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service at St John's Church, Groombridge, at 2.30 pm on Friday 14th May. Donations, if desired, to Hospice at Home, Tunbridge Wells, c/o R. Medhurst Funeral Directors, Vine House, Hartfield, East Sussex TN7 4AD.

JOHNSTON - On May 6th, peacefully at home after a short illness, Arthur Francis Evelyn, loving husband of Glynis, beloved father of Sasha and son of Mollie and the late Cyril and much loved brother of Rosemary. Loved and missed by his family and friends. Thanksgiving Funeral Service at St Mary's, Cadogan Street, Chelsea, on Tuesday 18th May at 12.15pm, followed by cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium at 1.30pm. Flowers c/o F.W. Chitty & Co., tel: (0932) 254255.

JONES - On May 3rd 1993, Iolo aged 93 years. Beloved husband of the late Jean and dear father of Hilary. Service and cremation was held at Springwood Crematorium, Liverpool, on Friday May 7th.

KORNER - Cecilie 'Lee'. Peacefully on 8th May 1993 in London. Widow of Eric, beloved mother of Peter, Tony and Sandra, much loved grandmother of Freddie, Victoria and William. Private funeral.

LATHBURY - On 9th May 1993, Kathleen (Kay) Lathbury B.Sc., C.Chem., F.R.S.C., née Culhane, aged 93. Beloved wife of the late Major George P. Lathbury, dearly loved mother of Rosalind Bramley, grandmother and friend. Cremation at Guildford at 11.30 am on Friday 14th May, followed by a service at St Luke's Church, Grayshott at 12.30 pm. No flowers thankyou, but donations to The R. National Institute for the Deaf (105 Gower St., WC1E 6AH) would please her.

MARKS - Paulina Miriam Kathleen (Paula) peacefully after a short illness bravely borne, on 9th May 1993.

MAUDE - On May 10th 1993, peacefully at home after a long illness bravely fought, Colonel Bruce Antony Eustace Maude M.B.E., R.E., M.A., past Master of the Worshipful Company of Skinners, loving father of Francesca, Tony, Julia, Mary, Alexandra and Louise and proud and devoted grandfather of his seven grandchildren. Funeral Service at St Michael's Church, Yorktown, Camberley, at 12 noon on Friday May 14th. Family flowers only. Any donations to the Parkinson's Disease Society. Further enquiries to The House Of Grace, Duke's Ride, Crowthorne, Berks. tel: (0344) 773741.

MAXWELL - On May 8th 1993, in the Chalybeate Hospital, Southampton, after a courageous fight against cancer, Eve, beloved wife of Steve and darling mother of Catherine and Sarah. Funeral service and committal, Monday May 17th at 2.30 pm at Bournemouth Crematorium. No flowers but donations if desired to the Salisbury Hospice Cancer Trust c/o Macmillan Unit at Odstock Hospital, Salisbury, Wilts. Enquiries to Deric Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, Bournemouth (0202) 309609.

McKENZIE - On 9th May 1993 peacefully at home, George Grant aged 96 years, husband of the late Elizabeth (Betty née Pearson). Private funeral, no flowers please. Enquiries to Cyril H Lovegrove, 58 Briants Avenue, Caversham, tel: (0734) 461393.

PAGE - On 8th May, at home, Kathleen Lady Page, of Farnham, Surrey. Private cremation. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Cancer Research Fund, St Luke's Hospital, Warren Road, Guildford, Surrey GU1 3NP.

PILLEY - Irene Braddon of Lee, near Ilfracombe, North Devon, died 9th May 1993, peacefully at home, aged 91. Funeral Service 1 pm, Friday 14th May at Morthoe Parish Church. Family flowers only.

PINCOTT - On 9th May, peacefully at home, Christine (née Gylea), darling wife of David, mother of Jonathan and Kate, dear sister of Bob, Vanda and Stephen, loved and loving daughter-in-law of Leslie and Mary. Cremation private. Family flowers only. All friends welcome to service at Queens Road Church, Wimbledon, Friday 14th May at 11.30 am.

RAMSAY - On May 8th 1993, at home, Elizabeth Helen, formerly of Kiambu, Kenya. Widow of George and mother of Juliet. Funeral Service at Exeter Crematorium on Friday May 14th at 2.45 pm. Enquiries: Richards, Colyton. (0297) 552333.

SAMPSON - On 8th May 1993, after a prolonged illness, Margaret Sampson, only daughter of the late Mr & Mrs G.F. Sampson of Richmond, Surrey. A dearly loved friend of many. Funeral Service at the Swedish Church, Harcourt Street, London W1, on Monday 17th May at 2 pm, followed by cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium at 3.45 pm. Refreshments at her request will be provided at the church after the service. Donations in lieu of flowers may be sent to the Jane Shore Charitable Trust c/o Miss Kathleen Halpin, 3 Chagford House, Chagford Street, London NW1 6EG. Enquiries to: Leverton & Sons: (071) 387-6075.

SELLAR - On May 7th, peacefully in Devon, Hope, widow of Walter Sellar, formerly of Charterhouse, Godalming, Surrey, aged 88 years. Funeral Service 10.15 am on Thursday 13th May at Lewdon Church, Devon.

SMITH - Mary (née MacBain), peacefully in hospital in Chesterfield, on 8th May in her 80th year, of The Wash, Chapel-en-le-Frith, dear wife of the late Owen Mytton Smith. A loving mother and grandmother. Funeral Service at 2.30 pm on Monday May 17th at Chapel-en-le-Frith Parish Church. Enquiries L.D. & S. Tideswell. (0298) 813166.

SMYTH - On May 9th, peacefully after a short illness, Elizabeth Mary (Betty), aged 71, widow of Thomas Smyth, dearly loved mother of Susan, David and Elizabeth and loving grandmother. Funeral Service to be held at St George's Church, Edworth, at 11 o'clock on Friday 14th May. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to St Nicholas Church c/o E.H. Crouch, 23A Hitchin Street, Baldock, Herts., SG7 6AQ. tel: (0462) 893191.

SPENCER - E.N.P. 'Nick', of Hallaton, Leicestershire, on 8th May at Glenfield Hospital, Leicester, after a long illness borne with dignity, aged 44. Loving husband of Gillie and only son of the late Desmond and Rona Spencer of Retford. Much loved nephew of William and Stephanie Dow and dear son-in-law of Bernard and Pat Thomas. Funeral Service to be held at the Church of St Michael and All Angels, Hallaton, on Friday 14th May at 11 am, followed by interment. All flowers to the Church.

STARK - On 9th May 1993, at her home in Asolo, Dame Freya Stark, aged 100. With love and admiration.

TRYON - Denzil, formerly of Kenya, died 6th May, in Harare, Zimbabwe.

WEAVER - On May 8th, Mary Euphemia (née Meiklejohn), peacefully at Pilgrims Hospice, Canterbury, devoted wife of Stanley and mother of Andrew. Funeral Service at Barham Crematorium, near Canterbury, on Friday May 14th at 12 noon. No flowers please, donations if desired to Pilgrims Hospice Canterbury c/o J Dilnot Smith & Son Funeral Directors, Beacon Lane, Woodnesborough, near Sandwich, Kent.

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YOUNG - On May 8th 1993, peacefully at Foxearth Nursing Home, Saxtead, Dr. Margaret Johanna, aged 98, widow of Dr. Lawrence Young, of Parham, Suffolk. Beloved aunt of Etty, Cornelia and sister-in-law Corrie and much loved by Graham and Moya and sadly missed by all her friends. Cremation at Ipswich on May 12th at 10.15 am. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to Wood Green Animal Shelters c/o Moore Bros. Funeral Directors, 13 Station Road, Framlingham, Suffolk.

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DAME FREYA STARK

Dame Freya Stark, DBE, writer and traveller, died in Asolo, Italy, on May 9 aged 100. She was born on January 31, 1893.

IT IS not unusual for travellers to write well about their travels. Doughty, Burton, Kinglake, to mention only a few from Freya Stark's own territory, belong as much to literature as to geography. What was so rare about Freya Stark was that she was a woman who travelled the hard way in male lands, and that she would have been a writer if she had never got further than her front door. The movement and colour of words in many languages fascinated her; so did the nobility and absurdity of human beings; so did the world of ideas. Of course, travel provided her with the material for most of her books, but when she grew older and travelled less she wrote more, finding memory an even more productive vein than novelty.

For obvious reasons Freya Stark was often compared with that other intrepid female orientalist, Gertrude Bell; but the comparison is misleading. Gertrude Bell was a rich, masculine person, who "floored the pashas flat". Freya Stark was extremely feminine, without money or any worldly advantages and with a constitution which, though fundamentally tough, was continually letting her down at critical moments, so that on more than one of her journeys she very nearly died. But a will of iron, infinite patience and powers of persuasion, an exact knowledge of her own aims and a sublime egoism, overcame all obstacles. Woe betide anyone — tribal sheikh, general officer, Italian greengrocer, Levantine merchant, guest sitting down at the scrabble board — if they thought they were going to be let off with anything less than total surrender.

With all this strength of character went a matching generosity. Freya Stark drew out the talents of others. She believed most men and some women capable of distinction, and they responded accordingly. Only the deliberately second-rate angered her. She regarded the world as a place thrown open for individual achievement, and she herself achieved much.

Freya Stark was born in Paris where her parents were briefly resident. Her mother and father were first cousins, both belonging to an old family with its roots in Devon. Here her father's branch had remained, but her maternal grandmother had settled in Italy. It was Italy that was to be Freya Stark's home (when eventually she had one) but her roots remained in Devon and, more particularly, in Dartmoor. No more fervent lover of everything connected with England has ever been a permanent and voluntary exile.

Both parents were artists of more than ordinary ability (some of her father's sculptures are to be seen at the Tate). Freya Stark's childhood was highly mobile. Houses were rented, bought, and built in London, Italy, France and on Dartmoor, but none occupied for long. "My parents were moderately well off people of good taste, with a liking for the arrangement of houses, and yet it is astonishing how much of our childhood was spent in dingy lodgings."

One place only came to rival Dartmoor in her childhood affections, and that was Asolo, the small fortress town which looks out under the lee of the Dolomites across the Venetian plain towards Padua. Before Robert Stark married he had taken the advice of Robert Browning's son, Pen Browning, and with an artist friend, Herbert Young, had escaped to Asolo from the summer heat of Venice.

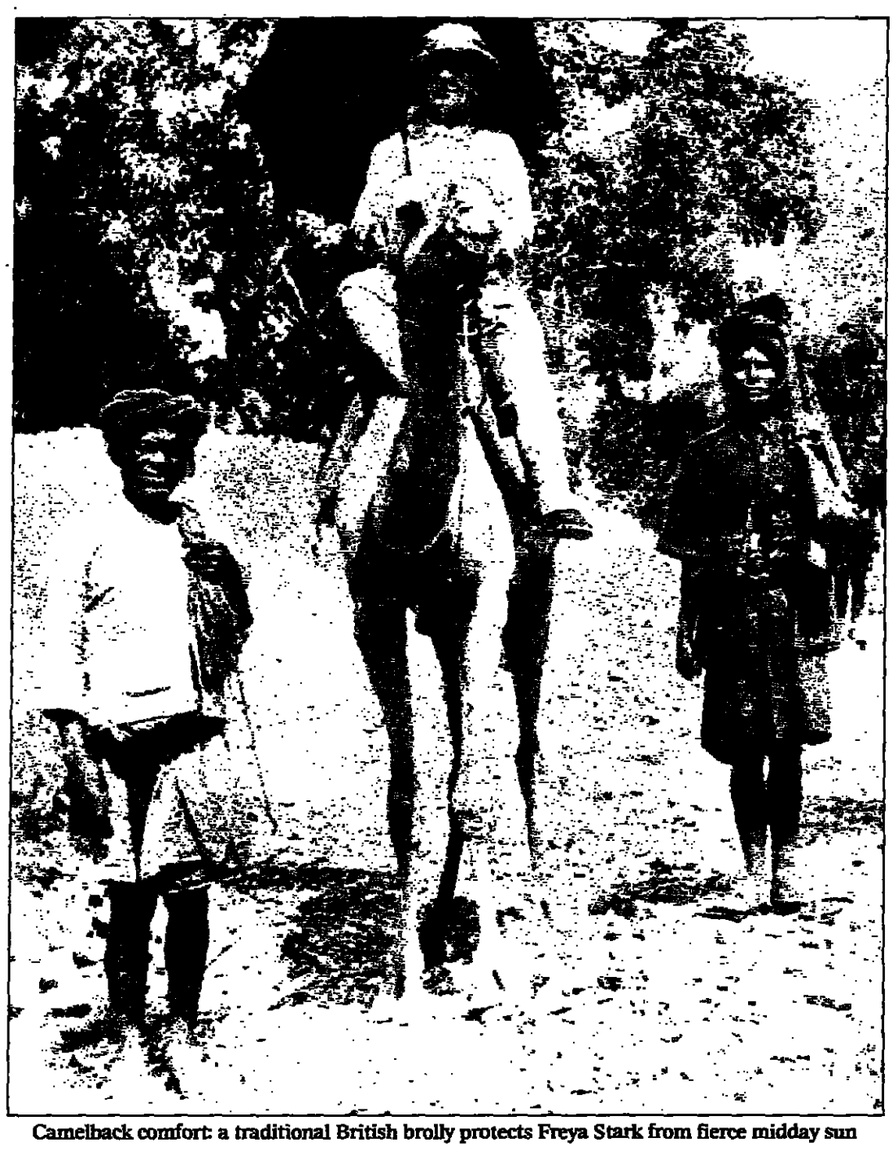
Within a week Herbert Young had bought a house in the city walls with a wild garden enclosing the remains of a Roman theatre. Here he settled for the rest of his life, and when he died in 1941 house and garden passed by his will to Freya Stark.

For Robert and Flora Stark Asolo also became an early home, though a less permanent one. In the first volume of her autobiography, *Traveller's Prelude*, Freya Stark described the growing incompatibility and eventual separation of two beings whom she loved with parallel but distinct devotion. With her sister Vera, a year younger than herself, the small Freya was a sorrowful spectator of a process which ended with her father's departure to Canada and her mother's settling in another hill town, Dronero in Piedmont.

Freya Stark had no regular schooling, but learnt to speak French and German almost as naturally as Italian. She read universally in the literature of all countries, including Greece and Rome. It was not until she was 19, and entered Bedford College, London, that her formal education began, and two years later the outbreak of war brought it to an end.

One great benefit of this brief academic interlude was that it gave her the friendship of W. P. Ker, who was quick to recognise the unusual qualities of this small, shy creature who spoke English (on the rare occasions when she opened her mouth) with an Italian accent. He directed her imagination and guided her literary taste, and in the vacations transformed her from a lover of mountains into an intrepid mountaineer.

When the first world war came, Freya Stark trained as a nurse and served with the Trevelyan hospital unit on the Italian front, finding herself caught up in the chaos of the Caporetto disaster of 1917, in which the Italians were utterly routed by the Austrians. Peace brought family complications and years of poverty and increasing ill-health — including three years as a bedridden and despaired of invalid. It was partly for distraction, but always ultimately with the idea of travel, that she began taking lessons in Arabic from a white bearded Capuchin in San Remo. By 1927, a course at the London School of Oriental Studies behind her, improved health, plus a minuscule but assured income — and the traveller's prelude was completed.



Camelback comfort: a traditional British brolly protects Freya Stark from fierce midday sun

Poor health and lack of funds remained troublesome, though successful authorship eventually counteracted the latter. In other respects Freya Stark was now, at the age of 34, well equipped for the hazards of the next 12 years. She had great curiosity and no narrow prejudices; she liked people, treating them as equals without condescension or diffidence; she was used to hardship; she knew languages, had acquired the elements of surveying, and was a competent nurse. Two other things she quickly learnt — that journeys must be minutely planned, if they are to be successful, and how to take photographs. Armed with the cheapest instruments she became an artist in photography.

Freya Stark first set foot in Asia in November 1927. She settled for the winter at Brummana in Lebanon, spent some time in Damascus, and with a friend completed her first proper expedition, through the then disturbed Jebel Druze country, subsequently moving on to Jerusalem and Cairo. The literary product of this period was *Letters from Syria*, not published until 1942.

Two years later she was in Lebanon again, on her way to Baghdad. Here she established herself in the house of a shoemaker overlooking the Tigris, much to the disgust of the British community which considered such behaviour "a flouting of national prestige". Freya Stark never ceased to marvel at the blinkered views of expatriates. Upbringing and predilections made her in a sense "unconventional" though she cherished the traditional British virtues — courtesy, restraint, self-reliance — to an infinitely greater degree than most of her critics. She was, in fact, like her father, a High Tory anarchist as well as an artist.

There were, however, some British in Baghdad without blinkers who were quick to appreciate the newcomer. These included Sir Kinahan Cornwallis, then adviser to the Ministry of Interior and later ambassador, and Lionel Smith, adviser to the Ministry of Education. These two became lifelong friends, joining the ranks of the older men whose society always meant so much to Freya Stark. Such had been her father and W. P. Ker; such, too, were Sidney Cockerell and Lord Wavell.

Having absorbed oriental ways and languages in Baghdad, she used it as a base for invasions of Iran. Three tough but extremely rewarding solo journeys were carried out in 1929-31, two in Luristan and one in the mountains of Mazanderan, south of the Caspian sea. It was on this occasion that she "first stood consciously on the edge of death" as the result of severe malaria and dysentery combined. Out of these journeys came *The Valley of the Assassins* (1934), the book which made her reputation as a writer, and which remains probably the most popular of all those she wrote. In it can be seen in all their freshness the qualities which combined to make Freya Stark so attractive a personality in print — strong sensitivity to places and people, humour, and a clear narrative style, free from the somewhat conscious adornment which sometimes accumulated later. (She herself said of her style: "There is nothing to it except a natural ear for cadence and the wish to get the meaning right." True enough).

The first truly Arabian journey came in the winter of 1934-5. Her route was from Mukalla on the coast, northward into the Wadi Hadhramaut and to Shibam and Tarim. The episode ended with her rescue by the RAF, from Aden, after she contracted measles and carried on, not properly recovered, so that her heart was strained — and very nearly stopped altogether. Prolonged convalescence, and a return to Iraq, were followed by a second Arabian journey, again with Mukalla as a starting-point, in the winter of 1937-8, this time ending in dengue fever but no RAF rescue. These journeys were recorded in *The Southern Gates of Arabia* (1936), *Seen in the Hadhramaut* (1938), and *A Winter in Arabia* (1940).

The war engaged Freya Stark in political and publicity work, for the most part in Arab lands. She served in Aden, Yemen (showing propaganda films under the noses of Mussolini's ubiquitous agents), Cairo and Baghdad (where she was one of those besieged in the British embassy by Rashid Ali's revolt). She had, needless to say, her own ideas of how things should be run, and these ideas, more than directives from a remote ministry, governed her actions. Much of her time was devoted to an association she founded in Egypt — and later developed in Iraq — called the Brotherhood of Freedom. This consisted of groups of autonomous cells devoted to the cult of self-help, encouraged — and to a limited extent financed — from a centre which mainly consisted of Freya Stark herself. By a characteristic twist of fate, a lecture tour of the United States, arranged for her by the Ministry of Information in the autumn of 1943, involved her in what she was later to describe as much the worst of all her journeys — a burst appendix on the Halifax-bound liner *Aquitania*, then a troopship. Again, she cheated death by inches.

After the armistice of 1943 she went back to Italy where she worked for the British embassy. When, towards the end of the war, she was able to return to her house at Asolo she found it intact, in spite of its having having been used as headquarters by both the retreating Germans and the Salò fascists. Its possessions had been hidden and preserved by loyal friends.

In 1947 Freya Stark married Stewart Perowne, diplomatist and orientalist, and accompanied him to his posts in Barbados and Cyrenaica, but five years later the marriage, which appears to have been based on a misunderstanding of his sexual orientation, ended in an amicable separation. She was now writing her autobiography, three volumes of which appeared in swift succession: *Traveller's Prelude* (1950) — the best of them, a graphic and at times most moving portrait — *Beyond the Euphrates* (1951) and *The Coast of Incense* (1953). A fourth volume, dealing with the war years, *Dust in the Lion's Paw* came out in 1961.

Now, at 60, she looked for new worlds to conquer, and found them in Anatolia and its history. She learnt Turkish (with the aid of a Turkish bible and Turkish detective stories). She made several arduous journeys, often on horseback, in the remoter parts of Turkey, acting as guide, interpreter and goad to younger friends whom she thus initiated into the joys of oriental travel. She brushed up her classics. Out of this came *Ionia: a Quest* (1954), *The Lycian Shore* (1956), *Alexander's Path* (1958), *Riding to the Tigris* (1959), and finally the product of three years' concentrated labour, *Rome on the Euphrates* (1966), a scholarly study of Rome's eastern limes, illuminated by her own unique knowledge of the topography of the region about which she was writing.

Freya Stark had now all the resources for a graceful and comfortable old age — a beautiful house filled with beautiful things, troops of friends, a solid reputation, a contented mind.

But she had, besides, an unconquerable restlessness. In 1962, on the eve of her 70th birthday, she suddenly bought a hill near Asolo on which she proceeded to build an enormous house to her own design. The Balzacian complications of the sale of her old house and the financing of the new one at times strained even her composure. She sought relief in revisiting old haunts — Iran, Turkey, Greece — as well as discovering new ones, notably Afghanistan and Nepal.

After a few years the big house was abandoned for the final refuge of a flat in Asolo. There was more travelling, well on into her late eighties — on horseback in Nepal and the Pamirs, down the Euphrates on a raft for the BBC — continuing to outpace many of those half or even a quarter of her age. She enjoyed watching the publication in many volumes of her letters, the form in which her career as a writer had begun and in which she excelled.

Fortunately, since for the last five years the world had passed her by, she knew nothing of the publication of a shallow and hostile biography of her, produced to coincide with her 100th birthday earlier this year.

Freya Stark was appointed CBE in 1953 and created DBE in 1972. She received many geographical awards, including the Burton Medal from the Royal Asiatic Society in 1933, the Founder's Medal from the Royal Geographical Society in 1942, and the Percy Sykes Memorial Medal from the Royal Central Asian Society in 1951. She received an LLD from Glasgow University that same year and a DLitt from Durham in 1971. Her godson was her publisher, John (Jock) Murray.

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ROGER DUCHENE

Roger Duchêne, a leading French steeplechase jockey, died after a fall at the Auteuil racecourse, Paris, on May 6 aged 37. He was born in Metz on September 25, 1955.

ROGER Duchêne had a long and highly-successful career during which he rode a total of 239 winners in 2,300 races. He was one of the top trio of jockeys over the jumps with 222 victories and was a great favourite with the racing public. He had shown typical courage in agreeing to ride the thoroughbred Ti Bamara at Auteuil in the Prix Andréa for the horse had thrown its jockeys during its two previous outings.

Duchêne, well known on other French steeplechase courses such as Enghien and Cagnes-sur-Mer by the Mediterranean, started his career at the age of 16 as an apprentice at Maisons-Lafitte with the trainer Victor Greco. He won several flat races before weight problems forced him four years later to switch to steeplechasing with the trainer Jean Laumain at Chantilly.

Over a period of 18 years, many of them with the trainer Xavier Guigand, he won some of the sport's top hurdle and steeplechase races, including the Prix du Président de la République, France's equivalent of the Grand National, as well as the Breeders Cup in Virginia, and the Criterium di Roma. A decade ago, he was a winner of the Cravache d'Or (Golden Whip), the points-based prize for the year's champion jockey.

He suffered numerous injuries during his career. Last year at Chantilly he was thrown and knocked unconscious. A few days later he returned to the saddle to win at Auteuil. In December, he took a management course, obtained his licence as a trainer but could not resist some last rides.

He is survived by his wife and son.



BLACK FRIDAY IN THE CITY

The panic has at length culminated in the most important and serious stoppage ever announced in the City of London. Overend, Gurney, and Co. (limited) were this afternoon compelled to close their doors. Their liabilities amount to about 10,000,000*l*., of which 6,000,000*l*. is to depositors who hold bills as security, and 3,500,000*l*. is to uncovered depositors. The paid-up capital is 1,500,000*l*., the nominal capital being 5,000,000*l*. in shares of 50*l*. each, on which 15*l*. has been paid, and the closing price this evening of the shares, which six months ago were at nearly 10 premium, was 8 3/4 discount. As the sum of 500,000*l*. was paid to the old firm for the goodwill on the constitution last August of the limited company, that sum must now in any case be regarded by the shareholders as irretrievably lost, but it may be hoped that the assets in hand will go far to prevent a total exhaustion of the remaining 1,000,000*l*. of paid-up capital, since, as recently as the past week or two, the managers firmly believed that at the meeting about to be held they would be able to show profits sufficient to cover all losses, including that from the fraud of Pinto, Perez, and Co., and to admit of the declaration of a dividend. The breakdown has been the result of a run of speculative sales of the shares. The general public regarded the company with favour, and, although it was well known that the old firm, whose property not many years back was reckoned by millions, had greatly dissipated their resources by a series of imprudent advances, it was believed that those of the partners who remained to manage the new concern would henceforth conduct the business with an especial amount of caution, owing to their full consciousness of the mistakes by which they had suffered in the past. That they have faithfully endeavoured to do so is still the general opinion, but every circumstance has been against them. The frequent recurrence of disasters affecting the assets of the old firm constantly affected the reputation of the new one; the notorious failure of Overend, Watson, and Co., the railway contractors, operated injuriously from the similarity of name; the heavy fraud of Pinto, Perez, and Co., the general breakup of the Finance Companies, and the hourly expectation of a European war, were all calculated to try them to the utmost. But there is no reason to doubt they would still have worked through had it not been for the persistent sales of their shares on speculation. As soon as these operations had brought the quotation to a discount, the depositors began to take alarm, until at length the drain this morning became too sharp to be resisted. . . .

The question now is, What is to be done? The stoppage of Overend, Gurney, and Co. will be the signal for the suspension of every other large concern that has lately been known to be under pressure, and of every banking and finance company whose position has been assailed by rumour, or whose shares may be selected for attack in the Stock-Exchange. Unless prompt steps are taken the close of the week will be marked by disasters such as have never been equalled in our commercial history . . .

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The failure of Overend, Gurney, for over £5 million was followed by a number of liquidations. In 1869 John Henry and Edmund Gurney were tried for conspiracy to defraud but after a long trial were acquitted.

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New universities make change into higher gear

Students and employers have taken to the new arrangement of a single system of higher education with enthusiasm, says **John O'Leary**

Less than a year after the promotion of the polytechnics, the distinction between the old and new universities is beginning to blur. Employers and students alike appear to have taken to the arrangements with enthusiasm.

The single system of higher education which was rushed into being before the general election has gelled more easily than ministers dared hope. From the choice of new names to the rearrangement of budgets, the exercise was fraught with possible difficulties.

In the event, however, so smooth has been the transition that Sir Ron Dearing, who chaired the new funding council, has been asked to repeat the trick in the highly charged atmosphere of the schools dispute.

The polytechnics had led the way in extending access to higher education, increasing student numbers by up to 20 per cent a year. University status was their reward, but many feared that the change might lead them to abandon the values that had made them distinctive. An ivory tower mentality might replace the sharply focused vocationalism for which they were famous.

A series of highly traditional inauguration ceremonies and a rush to acquire the paraphernalia of the old universities seemed to confirm such suspicions. Although several directors had talked idealistically of keeping their polytechnic titles, none did so and the directors soon became vice-chancellors.

So far there is little sign of the new universities abandoning their missions. Most still take issue with the assumptions underpinning *The Times* Good University Guide's rankings because they insist they are not aiming to deliver higher education according to the traditional model.

Professor Derek Fraser, the vice-chancellor of Teesside University, told guests at last month's installation of Sir Leon Brittan as chancellor: "Within the new single sector of higher education, we are positioning ourselves as the Opportunity University for the 21st century. We are setting ourselves firmly against the elitism of the old system. We are determined to be a flexible, supportive, welcoming institution, committed to equal opportunities, to a broad vocationalism, to regional regeneration and to internationalism."

With more than half of all university students now in the former polytechnics and colleges, the newcomers have no inferiority complex. As the demand for higher education places starts to slow down, most are continuing to compete successfully with their longer-established counterparts, partly by concentrating on a different market.

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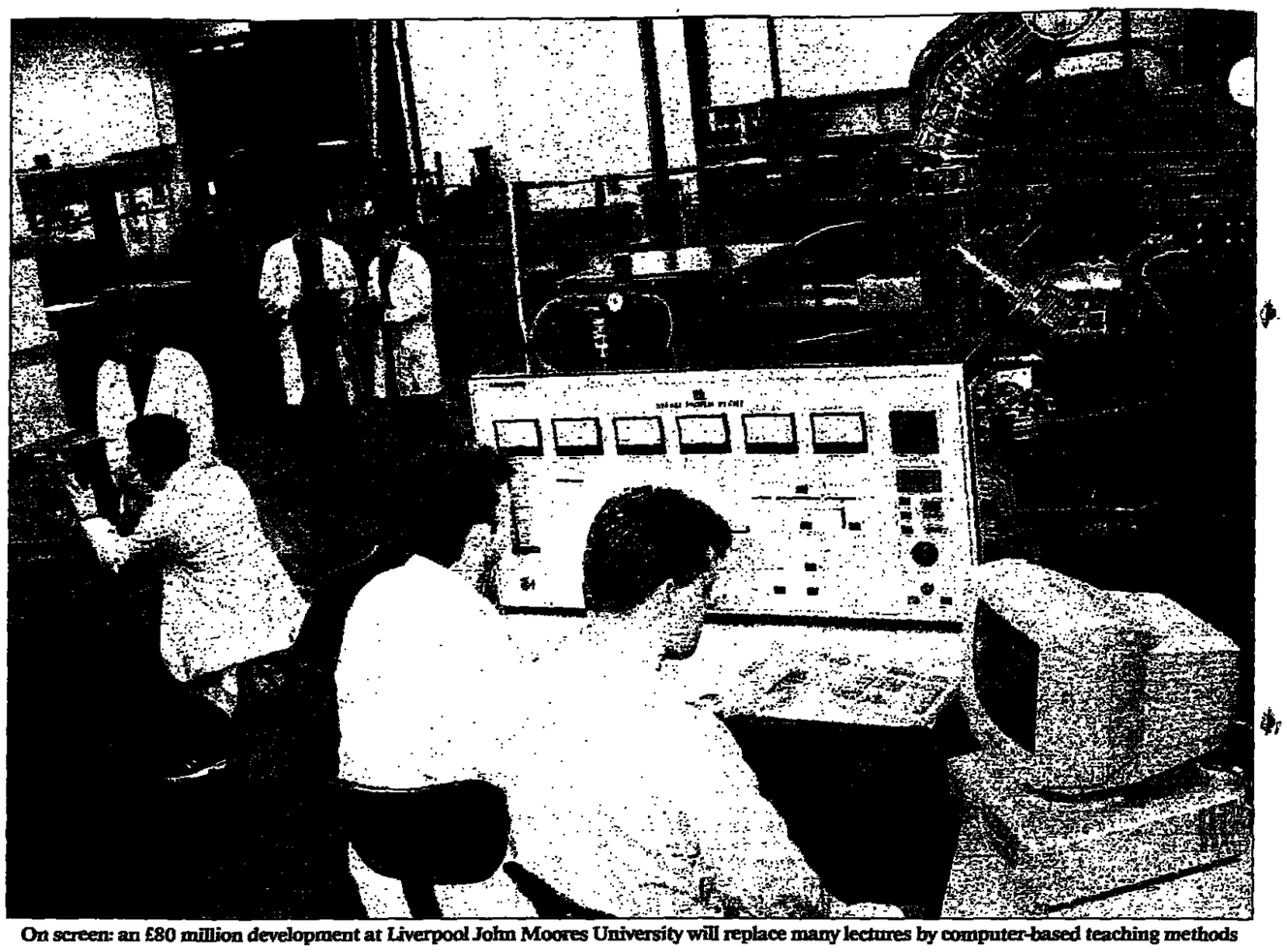
Norbert Singer, the vice-chancellor of Greenwich University, says: "Of the million or so students who now enter universities, I would guess that nearly 40 per cent are not 18-year-old students with conventional A-levels. A very large proportion of the students who enter the non-traditional universities have non-conventional qualifications or even none at all, are mature, and often wish to take up part-time courses or study for higher diplomas, as opposed to degrees."

At the same time, advances in the technology of teaching are challenging preconceptions about the staffing levels required to deliver a high quality university education. Several of the new universities, as well as a few of the old, have found that students react well to electronic teaching packages, which free staff time for more seminar work.

De Montfort University, for example, is exploring the use of interactive video between its Leicester headquarters and the satellite campus in Milton Keynes. The university now operates on several sites and is aiming to expand student numbers in four cities from the present 14,500 to 30,000 by the end of the decade.

Expansion at such a rate has led to enormous changes in the new universities. At Derby, for example, 50 new degree and diploma courses have been launched since 1989 and half the staff have joined since that date.

The government's decision to limit new enrolments in arts and social science subjects has caused problems for universities such as De Montfort and Derby, which are still growing fast. But many had planned to consolidate after a period of sustained expansion, and others, such as Bournemouth, have switched their attention to the sciences.



On screen: an £80 million development at Liverpool John Moores University will replace many lectures by computer-based teaching methods

SUNDERLAND

Launching a new way of life

When the Queen visits Sunderland next week, one of the first things she will be shown is a building site on a previously deserted stretch of riverbank. The setting is close to the hearts of Wearsiders because it once housed the shipyards that were their pride and joy, *John O'Leary writes.*

Soon, however, it will be buzzing with a quite different type of life. The 24 acres have been acquired by Sunderland University for one of higher education's most ambitious developments.

Next year a modern business school will open, to be followed in 1996 by new premises for computing and information systems, and the school of education in 1998. By the time the school of art, design and communications completes the campus in 2001, about half of the university will have moved in.

The scheme has been jointly financed by the university, the Higher Education Funding Council and the Tyne and Wear Development Corporation. The final costs are expected to exceed £20 million, allowing Sunderland to double its student numbers in the course of the 1990s.

Much of the expansion has already taken place, but the university was anxious to ease the pressure on space and improve its facilities. The new development will allow it to move out of some of its 48 buildings.

The plan has caused inevitable controversy. Local MPs wanted to reserve the site for a revival of the shipbuilding industry, but it is a measure of Sunderland's regard for its university and the political skills of its vice-chancellor that the project got off the ground.

Dr Anne Wright, who will soon be Britain's only female vice-chancellor, has become a popular and powerful figure in the land of Andy Capp. Alastair Balls, the development corporation's chief executive, says: "We saw the university as the ideal tenant, but the whole thing could never have happened without Anne Wright. The campus will bring vitality to the north bank of the river and put Sunderland firmly on the academic map."

Although not the north-east's most fashionable university, Sunderland has been increasingly successful since Dr Wright's arrival. Students come in large numbers from outside the region and efforts are being made to boost one of Britain's lowest participation rates in higher education through links with local colleges.

PORTSMOUTH

Research wins high status

SOME polytechnic staff used to refer disparagingly to a group of institutions that "thought they were universities". Portsmouth was invariably top of the list, *John O'Leary writes.*

To the diehards of municipal higher education, Portsmouth's emphasis on research and unashamed ambition for a change of status bordered on treachery. But the approach has paid dividends in the year since the university title finally arrived.

Nobody in the university was surprised either when it came out well in December's official research rankings, although few realised how significant their success could prove financially. Westminster was the only new university department to achieve a maximum rating; Kingston had the best average score; but Portsmouth took the title that mattered when the rankings were translated into cash.

The 35 subjects considered of national or international standing brought the university £2.3 million, six times more than it ever received as a polytechnic. With the addition of £17 million for teaching, Portsmouth can look forward to a 16 per cent budget increase in the coming year.

Not only was the research grant the largest in the former polytechnics, it also outstripped some of the traditional universities. Neil Merritt, the vice-chancellor, said: "The research grant shows we are nudging up closely to a group of older universities which have enjoyed 20 years of research funding denied to the new universities. This is a tremendous boost and a tribute to all our staff."

With 11,500 students studying a broad range of subjects, Portsmouth has played its part in extending access to higher education. Staffing levels remain among the best in the new universities, drop-out rates among the lowest and employment prospects good.

Spending on the recently extended high-tech library is unmatched among the former polytechnics and the language facilities compare favourably with many traditional universities. However, it is in the sciences that most visible research successes have come, for example with a prize-winning robot.

Professor Tony Pointon, the director of research, said: "What has happened now is the culmination of 30 years of hard work with no real support from outside. It has been bootstrapping with a vengeance."

LIVERPOOL JOHN MOORES

Ambitious expansion

THE city of scallies, soccer and soap opera, is rapidly recasting itself as a seat of learning, *Ben Preston writes.* The new Liverpool John Moores University is at the heart of ambitious plans to revive Merseyside from economic decline.

The decision to become the first English university to name itself after a living person, Sir John Moores, the millionaire founder of the Littlewoods pools organisation, was deliberate, rather than a gamble. It was intended to underline the former polytechnic's commitment to Liverpool while paying tribute to a businessman and benefactor of many projects in the city.

A recent report disclosed that higher education generates £359 million for the region's economy while four out of ten young people in Liverpool are students. By the end of the decade, John Moores estimates student numbers will have doubled from polytechnic days to almost 30,000. About half will be from the area, with a high proportion of part-timers and mature students.

The aim is threefold: To help reskill the local workforce by widening access to higher education; to regenerate the rundown inner city by repopulating it with students and refurbishing university buildings; and then to persuade graduates to invest their talent in Liverpool when their studies end. The government has provided £3 million to convert the Bullring housing estate into student flats.

Professor Peter Toynes, vice-chancellor of John Moores, anticipates few problems attracting students to a traditionally vibrant and youthful city. Liverpool is "cheap and cheerful", he says, a factor which will grow in importance as student loans wax and the grant wanes.

The university also intends to become an attraction in its own right, harnessing new technology to be at the cutting edge of learning. Among new initiatives under an £80 million development plan are the addition of two learning resource centres which will replace many lectures by computer-based teaching methods.

Links with the city's other education institutions are growing. The new Liverpool Institute for the Performing Arts, the "Fame school" helped by donations from Paul McCartney, will raise the curtain on its first students in September 1994. It is expected to become an associate college of John Moores, with the university validating its degree and diploma courses.

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Students are taking degree courses in 50 colleges which were left stranded by the rush for university status

Colleges search for a new identity

When the government created its unified system of higher education, one set of institutions was left behind. The so-called "binary line" that separated the universities and the polytechnics was dismantled, but the higher education colleges were stranded, *John O'Leary writes.*

More than 140,000 students are now taking degree courses in 50 colleges, which though funded on the same basis as the universities and awarding the same degrees, are facing an identity crisis.

The group is composed of a varied collection of former teacher training, technical, art and further education colleges, ranging from smaller versions of the new universities to the tiniest specialist institutes. Most have thrived in the wave of enthusiasm for higher education, which has seen the sector expand as rapidly as any of the new universities.

Ruth Gee, the principal of Edge Hill College, Ormskirk, Lancashire, says: "We do not regret that the polytechnics have been allowed to call themselves universities, but we feel the government has simply moved the binary line instead of removing all distinctions, as it said it would. We are part of the university sector, but people are totally confused about what we do, and our students are at a disadvantage. We want a title that informs."



Hoping for promotion: Roehampton Institute had one of the best scores in last year's research rankings

One college is likely to be released from limbo this week. Luton is waiting to hear whether it has cleared the final hurdle for full university status, gaining the right to accredit its own research degrees. The college missed both a polytechnic title and automatic promotion to university status last year, despite meeting other criteria.

Now the prize is within reach. Tony Wood, the director, says: "I am very optimistic that we will be accepted as a university this time, and that we will have a new identity in time for the next academic session. It is galling to lose students who are offered places by 'real universities' when we have had to meet requirements that were never expected of the polytechnics."

Five other colleges rejected with Luton last year are hoping for promotion: Bolton, Cheltenham and Gloucester, Roehampton, Southampton and Nene, in Northampton. Roehampton, in its limited range of courses, had one of the best scores in the entire university system in last year's research rankings.

Most of the rest would be satisfied for the moment with a university college label, but face heavyweight opposition from some parts of London University, which feel that their own titles would be devalued. Ms Gee argues that colleges like hers have strengths that deserve to be recognised. More than 70 per cent of Edge Hill students had the college as their first choice and 92 per cent had visited the campus before enrolling.

Nationally, the colleges cater strongly for women, who account of 58 per cent of enrolments compared with 46 per cent in the new universities, and for mature students. They have more than a quarter of all degree students over the age of 35.

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BEST RESOURCED: TOP 20

1. Cambridge
2. Buckingham
3. Imperial College London
4. Oxford
5. Royal Holloway
6. York
7. Edinburgh
8. Loughborough
9. Sheffield
10. University College London
11. Birmingham
12. Manchester
13. Leeds
14. Bath
15. Reading
16. Keele
17. Exeter
    Newcastle
19. Kings College London
    Warwick

TOP 20: CONVENTIONAL ACADEMIC CRITERIA

1. Imperial College London
2. Cambridge
3. Oxford
4. University College London
5. Edinburgh
6. UMIST
7. Bristol
8. Bath
9. Nottingham
   Southampton
   Warwick
   York
13. Kings College London
14. Glasgow
15. Birmingham
16. Leeds
    Manchester
    Sussex
19. Liverpool
20. London School of Economics
    Sheffield

PROFESSIONAL AND DEVELOPMENT: TOP 20

1. Birmingham
   De Montfort
   Middlesex
4. Nottingham
5. Huddersfield
6. Nottingham Trent
7. Strathclyde
8. South Bank.
   Sunderland
10. Central England
    Humberside
    Newcastle
13. Aberdeen
    Buckingham
15. Loughborough
    Surrey
17. West of England
18. Oxford
19. York
20. Hull
    Portsmouth

DIVERSITY: TOP 20

1. Thames Valley
2. Derby
3. Wolverhampton
4. Anglia
5. Humberside
6. North London
7. East London
8. Ulster
9. Middlesex
10. Manchester Metropolitan
11. Robert Gordon's
12. Northumberland
13. Oxford Brookes
14. Reading
15. St David's, Lampeter
16. Keele
    Central Lancashire
18. Swansea
19. Sunderland
20. Brighton

Finding something special

GOOD UNIVERSITY GUIDE

One university may have high standards but few resources. Another may accept low grades but have a poor record. **Professor Tom Cannon** explains the "Top 20" tables (left)

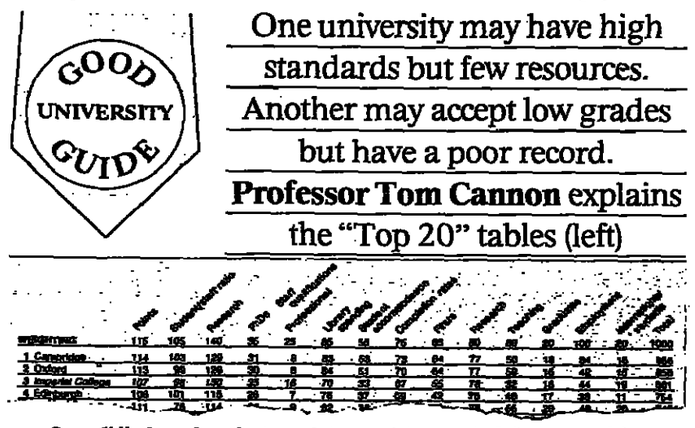
One of the enduring strengths of the British higher education system is its ability to balance a commitment to excellence with the search for diversity. The continuation of that balance is one of the central tasks facing the newly integrated university system.

In this year's *Times* guide we try to explore aspects of this diversity by reviewing the patterns of provision. These include resources, diversity in the student population and professional development, besides more conventional academic criteria. The comprehensive nature of the *Times* data base makes this possible, although in some cases the weightings are varied with these sub-groups.

Any attempt to profile Britain's system of higher education must acknowledge the massive resource imbalances between institutions. Few of them can afford to spend the £500-£700 per student on libraries, excluding capital costs, of Oxford and Cambridge. The mixture of a powerful science base and substantial resources means that Cambridge and Imperial College can operate with staff-student ratios of 9:1 and 10:1.

Campus universities, especially those established around the 1960s, were given resources that today's new universities can only dream of. Most, for example, are well endowed with student accommodation.

The analysis of the best resourced institutions collates the information on staff-student ratios, library facilities and student accommodation to identify those with the largest resource base. This is not an unalloyed blessing, as top-ranked institutions are finding as they battle to sustain their asset base. Unfortunately, financial reporting systems within and between institutions make consistent analysis of the balance sheets hard to undertake. The measures chosen by the *Times* guide are, however, those which have an immediate impact on students.



Overall listings: how last year's *Times* table graded the universities

The ability to achieve remarkable results with limited resources has long been a source of British pride. Universities mirror the nation in this characteristic. Their high completion rates and the employment success of their graduates are remarkable. The combination of this with sharp increases in student numbers is reshaping the nature of the professional, technical and managerial workforces. Formal qualifications and related competencies were once the exception; they are now becoming the norm.

The development and professional "Top 20" links completion rates and employment prospects with the professional qualifications of staff to build a picture of a virtuous circle of high completion rates, successful further development — through jobs, research and further study — and links between employers and professional groups.

In the past, it was argued that this pattern was built on a unitary and highly discriminating approach to selection. Changing this, is perhaps, the greatest test of the new, unitary system. The diversity grouping brings together indicators of diversity in the student base such as the percentage of female students, numbers of overseas students and those with non-traditional entry requirements.

These measures are chosen because they reflect specific features of the student base. British universities have not traditionally been especially welcoming to female students. A high proportion of women probably reflects both an institutional commitment to changing this as well as a distinct set of programmes.

The university system is fundamentally international. Students from other parts of the world help create in the institution a more diverse and cosmopolitan community. It is hard to build up an accurate and consistent picture of those entering university with non-traditional qualifications. This year the data gathered on these and entry through access courses or other routes was not sufficient to build an accurate picture. A surrogate measure based on the entry requirements data was constructed.

One of the key tests of university policy over the next decade will be the ability of policy makers to link these aspects of the university system with more traditional measures of performance. Indicators like the ability to attract students with high levels of achievement at school will remain important.

The research assessment exercise allied to the increasing pressure within institutions to win external funding for research and development reinforces this form of rivalry. This, in turn, puts particular pressure on the process of staff training and development. In the sciences, in particular, training has been based on doctoral study.

Individually, these sub-sets of data bring out distinct features of the university system. Together they highlight two crucial issues. First, they indicate the different ways to look at the current pattern of provision. Second, they demonstrate the gaps in areas as diverse as financial reporting and comprehensive information on the composition of the student population.

Central to the approach of the *Times* guide is a determination to press for better quality information on all aspects of the university system. Naturally, this will be incorporated in the guide as soon as possible.

TOMORROW

The top universities, subject by subject
PLUS The prospects for entry in 1994

How the colleges were graded

Comparisons are hard to make when statistics are scarce, says **John O'Leary**

Higher education has grown at such a pace in the last few years that even the universities themselves can no longer put together an accurate picture of the student population.

They know that their intake is increasingly diverse, and that most of the new universities enrol a high proportion of students in their twenties and thirties, many on part-time courses and without traditional academic qualifications. But the range of courses is now so varied and the categories so new that rating performance in terms of student access is still too complicated to attempt.

Most new university vice-chancellors, responding to enquiries for information, wanted their particular strengths to be reflected in this year's guide. Some were prepared to supply selective statistics even though they refused to cooperate over the main rankings.

A brief survey soon uncovered the pitfalls, however. There is, for example, no agreement on what constitutes standard entry qualifications, and the proportions of mature students vary widely according to the types of courses included.

The tables above demonstrate the extent to which different universities vary in performance. There are few surprises in the grouping of indicators on traditional academic values, and only Buckingham's coup on resourcing would startle a close observer of the higher education scene.

New and old universities mingle more closely in the other two illustrative rankings. The career-oriented "professional" ranking, which gives credit for high completion rates and graduate employment success, has eight new and four old universities in the top dozen places.

Largely because of its emphasis on female students, the embryonic "diversity" table also includes a handful of traditional universities, but here the choice of measures makes all the difference. The inclusion, for example, of ethnic minorities, mature students and part-timers would promote South Bank University from the middle of the pack to the very top.

As one of a number of inner-city universities committed to extending access to higher education in a socially deprived area, South Bank takes pride in enrolling 42 per cent of its students from the ethnic minorities. Four out of five students are taken without A-levels, and an even higher proportion are 21 or older at entry. More than a third are taking part-time courses, many at sub-degree level.

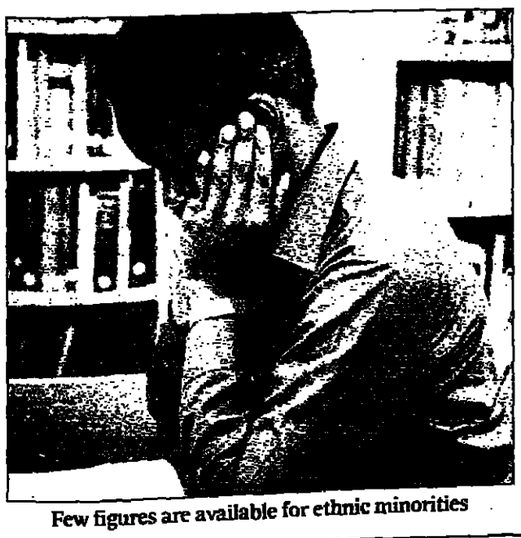
Even among the new universities, however, geographical position and previous development dictate a range of different priorities. West of England University, at Bristol, for example, takes 60 per cent of its students at 21 or older and has 35 per cent on part-time courses, but perhaps only one student in ten comes from an ethnic minority.

The universities themselves are in the process of standardising their statistical information on "access" measures, but it will be at least a year before comparable information is available for the whole system.

Mature applicants and those seeking part-time courses may well be restricted to a local university in any case, but those looking more widely for degree opportunities without standard qualifications would be well advised to start with the new universities.

Some of the older universities, such as Goldsmiths' College, London, have a tradition of local entry. Sheffield University is one of a small group breaking into provision for non-standard entrants through a network of further education colleges which run its courses. But most openings are still in the former polytechnics and colleges.

Prospectuses are becoming increasingly informative. An indication of universities offering certificate and diploma courses in addition to degrees, is given in the book, *The Good Universities Guide*. A comprehensive listing of full-time degree courses will be published soon by the universities centrally.



ANDREW NORTH

Few figures are available for ethnic minorities

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Major calls for rethink on testing

■ John Major is examining compromise proposals on school tests to win over parents and moderate teachers in the wake of the Conservative drubbing at the polls last Thursday.

This year's tests, which face a boycott from teachers, may be downgraded. The move follows a Downing Street discussion yesterday between Mr Major and party advisers on how to respond to the worries of voters.

Allies split on Bosnia

■ Britain and France came under attack from both the United States and Nato yesterday for their unwillingness to take decisive military action over Bosnia. Manfred Wörner, the Nato secretary-general, speaking in Venice, referred with some exasperation to the "successive delays" over Bosnia, and the lack of political will.

Orkney suspension

Paul Lee, the director of social work for Orkney, was yesterday suspended over his part in the child sex abuse scandal that led to the removal of nine children from their homes in dawn raids ..... Page 1

Tests defended

Vital evidence of school standards will be lost if this summer's classroom tests are disrupted, two senior government advisors said yesterday. Sir Ron Dearing and Professor Stewart Sutherland, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector, stressed the importance of the tests for schools and parents ..... Page 2

Missing papers

Key defence ministry documents have not been handed over to Lord Justice Scott's enquiry into the arms-to-Iraq affair, it was disclosed yesterday. They were drawn up for civil servants by defence officials and contained detailed lists of the security classifications of countries and equipment ..... Page 2

Assault on student

An Old Bailey jury heard yesterday how three policemen who had been drinking attacked a student preparing for his final examinations ..... Page 3

Storm in teaspoon

Vegans, who renounce meat, fish and all animal by-products, want clay or porcelain eggs used in school egg-and-spoon races ..... Page 3

Cheaper babies

The cost of a test tube baby has fallen by more than a quarter over the past five years following a in success rates, a report claims. For a woman under 30 the average cost of a baby born following *in vitro* fertilisation is now £6,500 compared with £8,800 ..... Page 5

TV ads affect diet

Sweet and crisp manufacturers who entice children with TV advertising for junk food are undermining government health targets, experts said yesterday at a conference on heart disease ..... Page 5

Police attacked

Police who were sent to a disturbance at a children's home in Birmingham on Saturday had pieces of wood and glass thrown at them and were forced to don riot gear before they could restore peace ..... Page 7

French austerity

France's new government yesterday produced an austerity budget which it blamed on years of socialist extravagance. Higher duties on spirits and petrol were among the measures introduced by Edouard Balladur, the prime minister ..... Page 10

Rabin on defensive

Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's embattled prime minister, has been forced to make a cabinet reshuffle in an attempt to pacify his junior coalition partners and win a vital vote ..... Page 9

The Danish question: act two

■ "Hamlet's town is now a ferry port awash with prosperous Danes in shell suits and Swedish alcoholics who take the 15-minute ferry ride across the channel separating the two countries to buy cheap drink." George Brock reports from Elsinore on the tragi-comical spectacle of the Danes voting for the second time on the Maastricht treaty ..... Page 10



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Markets on the move: The pound slumped against the dollar and the German mark but shares rallied, with dealers anticipating a cut in base rates ..... Page 21

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Helping hand: Gerald Ronson was given a bonus of £1.77 million to help pay the £5 million fine imposed on him for his part in the Guinness affair, documents have shown. Mr Ronson repaid the money ..... Page 21

Cricket: The Australians continued the successful start to their tour when they beat Somerset by 35 runs at Taunton. The spinners Tim May and Shane Warne took four wickets each ..... Page 40

Table tennis: England will put health before sporting ambition by using bats which are inferior to those of the other 86 nations competing in the world table tennis championships ..... Page 40

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Public performance: "When I first began working for Mrs Thatcher on a regular basis one of the first things I put to her was: Politics is a form of theatre." Sir Ronald Millar on Thatcher speeches ..... Page 12

Final whistle: Britain leads the world in football hooliganism and mercenary soldiers. Richard Ryder on why schools should prohibit violent sports ..... Page 13

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Rootless in England: "Home is a word I never, ever, use," says the young novelist Caryl Phillips, Caribbean-born but brought up in Yorkshire. ..... Page 33

The first weekend of the Brighton Festival brought a world premiere from the symphonic composer George Lloyd ..... Page 33

Berlin bouquets: The annual Berlin Theatre Meeting has been dominated by a new crop of young directors from eastern Germany ..... Page 34

No smoke without ire: Last night's *Panorama* on BBC1 attempted to penetrate the fog of fact and counter-fact about the health risks of smoking ..... Page 33



David Rendel, the victor in the Newbury by-election, took his Commons seat yesterday to enable him to vote in the VAT debate
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Rebecca Stevens was forced to delay her assault on the final 3000ft of Mount Everest last night to care for an exhausted team-mate
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The Dalai Lama, who exchanged traditional gifts with the Archbishop of Canterbury at Lambeth Palace yesterday
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Thatcher and the BBC

■ Why Margaret Thatcher distrusted the BBC: part three of speechwriter Ronald Millar's memoirs of his time at No 10

City neighbourhood watch

■ In big towns few people know the people next door. Would urban crime be cut if city dwellers aped the neighbourly habits of the country?

Life between the shelves?

■ Marcus Binney goes inside the new British Library for a sneak preview of the most controversial new building in London

A London cabby, a tattooed Geordie and a consumer of huge greasy breakfasts carry British hopes at the world sumo championship in Japan. Follow their progress in *40 Minutes: Three Big Men* (BBC2, 9.50pm) ..... Page 39

Damned for drift

The boldest move the prime minister could make would be to use his speech to the Conservatives' Scottish conference on Friday to make a clean breast of his mistakes Page 15

In the fast lane

A formalised scheme that guarantees the callow undergraduate a senior post in middle age and an honour on retirement has no place in a modern civil service ... Page 15

Women rising

As Ms Stephens progressed up the last face of Everest, no doubt her agent was not far behind .. Page 15

BERNARD LEVIN

The year 2041 is the very last chance for Sir Alastair ("Blame someone else") Morton to blame someone else for the state of affairs which has precluded the running of even a single locomotive pulling even a single carriage even a yard through his notorious hole in the ground At the moment, of course, there isn't enough money in the kitty to buy a spare wheel .. Page 14

ROSEMARY RIGHTER

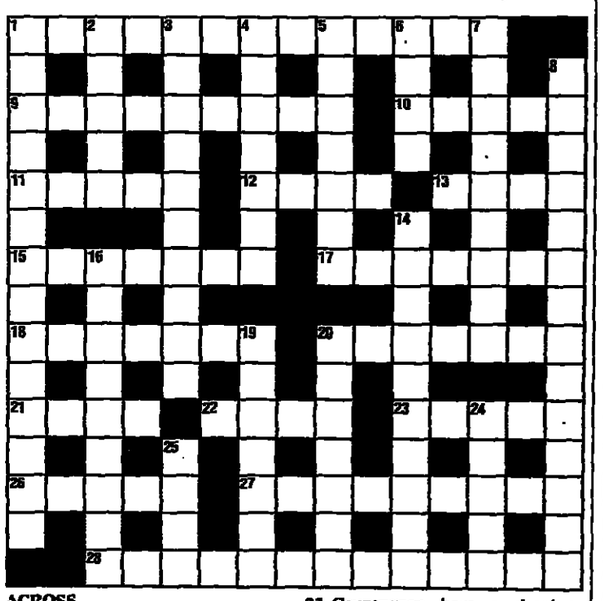
The goddess Pallas Athene never went to war unless she was sure of victory. So much hangs on the UN "implementation force" in Bosnia-Herzegovina, that it must succeed: Failure would destroy the credibility of the United Nations for another generation, but and could mark the beginning of the end of America's engagement as a European power ..... Page 14

Aftermath of the Tory defeats: correspondents call for humility and realism ..... Page 15

Germany must face up to the recession, to the financing of reunification, and to the especially inflated costs of labour. How can it manage while preserving the social consensus which has made it succeed up until now? World competition is forcing the Germans to change. Probably more radically than they think at the moment

— Le Monde

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1 Advertising medium for port administrators (8-5).
9 Lacking education, turned to university for amendment (9).
10 Rope reaching much further than a chain (5).
11 Greatly fear being late to receive king (5).
12 Bludgeon the driver, perhaps (4).
13 Difficulty Siegfried initially encountered with a horse (4).
15 A superior performer in the Nuns' Chorus (7).
17 Stoppage unions organised before the end of August (7).
18 Senior Aircraftman in status has rifle (7).
20 A hindrance circumvented by the sprinter, perhaps (7).
21 Ascetic system bringing unknown past back (4).
22 Dye obtained from Manila (4).
23 Countrymen have a sleeping-place on board (5).
26 A point made by the prime minister (5).
27 Preserve, or ruin, youth in West? (9).
28 Some rope given by the Censor in a silent representation (3-1-4-5).

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2 It cures, but can upset soldiers (5).
3 Retirement from the bank? (10).
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5 Base in France, or in Arabia, for this wanderer (7).
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7 Beryllium used in plate for security (9).
8 Lack of influence of space explorers? (14).
14 In status he is treated as a devotee (10).
16 Take fright about, say, your speech of praise (9).
19 Chap accommodating popular sergeant-major's relations (7).
20 It controls the balance of high-flyers in a bank (7).
24 Old fellow on island is an Arab (5).
25 Head of Radio abandons plan for informal talk (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,226

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Scotland, Northern Ireland and northern parts of England will be mostly dry with some good sunny spells. Meanwhile, scattered thundery showers are likely over southwest England and South Wales. Elsewhere there may be a few isolated showers. It will feel warm and humid in the south but cool along the north sea with the bracing winds. Outlook: unsettled with showers at times. Cooler weather spreading from the north on Thursday.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	20	68	f	Madrid	18	64	c
Alicante	20	68	s	Majorca	21	70	s
Alex'dria	22	72	c	Malaga	22	72	t
Algiers	23	73	f	Malta	24	75	s
Amst'dm	22	72	s	Melb'rne	17	63	s
Athens	18	64	f	Miami*	28	82	c
Bahrain	29	84	s	Milan	23	73	s
Bangkok	37	99	f	Montreal*	24	76	s
Barbade*	30	86	c	Moscow	24	75	c
Barcelna	24	57	r	Munich	23	73	s
Beirut	20	68	s	Nairobi	25	77	s
Belgrade	20	68	s	Naples	22	72	s
Berlin	23	73	s	N Delhi	30	86	f
Bermuda*	23	73	f	N York*	29	84	s
Biarritz	19	66	f	Nice	21	70	s
Borde'x	20	66	f	Oslo	20	68	s
Brussels	23	73	s	Paris	22	72	s
Budapst	23	73	s	Peking	25	77	s
B Aires*	21	70	c	Perth	21	70	s
Cairo	28	79	f	Prague	23	73	s
Cape Tn	21	70	s	Reykjavik	9	48	r
Chicago*	31	88	s	Rhodes	19	66	f
Ch'church	12	54	f	Rio de J	31	88	s
Cologne	22	72	s	Riyadh	37	99	s
C'phgn	21	70	s	Rome	22	72	s
Corfu	21	70	f	Salzburg	23	73	s
Dublin	11	52	r	S F'isco*	20	68	s
Dubrovnik	24	75	s	Santiago*	19	66	s
Faro	17	63	r	S Paulo*	28	79	s
Florence	25	77	s	Seoul	24	75	r
Frankfurt	24	75	f	Sing'por	28	79	s
Funchal	17	63	c	Stckholm	19	66	s
Geneva	20	68	s	Strasb'rg	24	75	s
Gibraltar	22	72	f	Sydney	21	70	s
Helsinki	19	66	s	Tangier	21	70	c
Hong K'	27	81	f	Tel Aviv	23	73	s
Innsbruck	24	75	s	Tenerife	22	72	s
Istanbul	14	57	f	Tokyo	17	63	c
Jeddah	36	97	s	Toronto*	23	73	s
Jo'burg*	21	70	s	Tunis	28	82	s
Karachi	39	102	s	Valencia	22	72	f
L Palmas	22	72	f	Vanc'ver*	13	55	f
La Toquet	21	70	f	Venice	24	75	s
Lisbon	20	68	f	Vienna	22	72	s
Locarno	18	64	c	Warsaw	24	75	s
London	19	66	f	Wash'ton*	24	75	s
L Angels*	29	84	s	Wel'ton	12	54	c
Luxembg	21	70	s	Zurich	21	70	s
Luxor	32	90	s				

* denotes figures are latest available

Yesterday: Temp: max 9am to 9pm, 21C (70F); min 6pm to 6am, 11C (52F). Humidity: 9pm, 48 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.03in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 6hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,015.6 millibars, falling.

Sunday: Highest day temp: Stansted, Essex, 18C (64F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Hunstanton, Norfolk, 0.39in; highest sunshine: Stornoway, Outer Hebrides, 13.1hr.

Yesterday: Temp: max 9am to 6pm, 16C (61F); min 6pm to 6am, 10C (50F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.04in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 4.2hr.

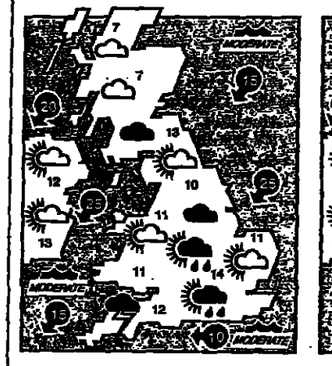
Yesterday: Temp: max 9am to 6pm, 17C (63F); min 6pm to 6am, 7C (45F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 9.4hr.

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	5.8	-	13	55	sunny
Aviemore	3.3	-	12	54	bright
Belfast	8.6	-	14	57	sunny
Birmingham	4.8	0.02	16	61	bright
Bognor Regis	3.8	0.05	17	63	rain
Bournemouth	0.7	0.07	15	59	shower
Bristol	0.8	0.02	15	59	shower
Buxton	6.2	-	13	55	bright
Cardiff	-	-	13	55	rain
Clacton	2.7	0.09	16	61	bright
Colwyn Bay	4.7	0.02	14	57	bright
Cromer	6.6	0.02	12	54	bright
Eastbourne	3.7	0.04	16	61	bright
Edinburgh	4.7	-	12	54	bright
Eskdalemuir	4.8	-	11	52	sunny
Exmouth	-	0.22	13	55	cloudy
Falmouth	-	0.10	11	52	rain
Folkestone	2.9	0.02	15	59	shower
Glasgow	6.7	-	14	57	cloudy
Hastings	3.2	0.03	14	57	cloudy
Hunstanton	6.4	0.39	12	54	bright
Isle of Man	10.3	0.01	15	59	sunny
Jersey	0.4	0.09	12	54	rain
Kinloss	2.9	-	11	52	cloudy
Leeds	8.4	-	14	57	sunny
Lerwick	12.0	-	11	52	bright
Liverpool	8.9	-	17	63	bright
London	2.1	0.05	18	64	rain
Lowestoft	5.9	0.01	13	55	bright
Manchester	6.0	-	15	59	sunny
Margate	1.7	0.08	13	55	rain
Minehead	0.3	0.11	13	55	shower
Morecambe	6.0	-	16	61	bright
Newcastle	7.4	-	11	52	bright
Newquay	-	0.17	15	59	rain
Penzance	0.2	0.13	11	52	shower
Plymouth	-	0.09	13	55	cloudy
Poole	0.4	0.09	14	57	rain
Sidmouth	0.7	0.06	12	54	rain
Southend	2.6	0.06	17	63	shower
Stornoway	13.1	-	12	54	sunny
Sunninge	1.5	0.16	13	55	shower
Teignmouth	-	0.13	13	55	shower
Tenby	1.7	0.15	14	57	cloudy
Tiree	11.9	-	15	59	sunny
Torquay	-	0.05	17	63	cloudy
Weymouth	1.6	0.02	14	57	shower
Worthing	3.5	0.01	17	63	cloudy

These are Sunday's figures

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.266	2.085
Austria Sch	18.40	16.80
Belgium Fr	53.80	48.40
Canada $	2.075	1.915
Denmark Kr	10.14	9.34
Finland Mrk	9.05	8.25
France Fr	8.79	8.09
Germany Dm	2.81	2.41
Greece Dr	348.00	323.00
Hong Kong $	11.85	11.55
Ireland Pr	1.065	0.865
Italy Lira	2380.00	2215.00
Japan Yen	189.25	170.25
Netherlands Gld	2.83	2.70
Norway Kr	11.02	10.22
Portugal Esc	239.00	221.00
South Africa Rd	6.05	5.25
Spain Pta	186.75	173.75
Sweden Kr	11.93	11.13
Switzerland Fr	2.35	2.17
Turkey Lira	15700.0	14700.0
USA $	1.638	1.608

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.





London 9.10 pm to 4.45 am
Bristol 9.19 pm to 4.55 am
Edinburgh 9.42 pm to 4.38 am
Manchester 9.26 pm to 4.45 am
Penzance 9.28 pm to 5.12 am

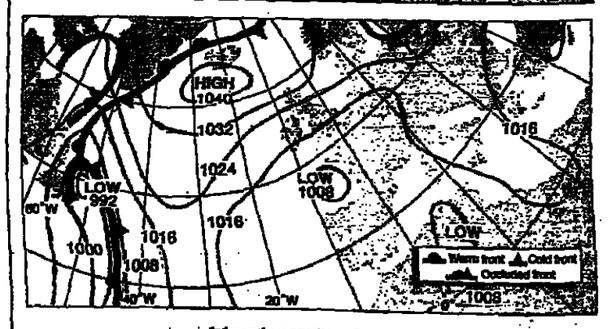
Sun rises: 5.15 am — Sun sets: 8.40 pm
Moon rises 12.57 am — Moon sets 10.03 am
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Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989: The hours of darkness are defined in these Regulations as the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	14	57	r	Guernsey	12	54	c
B'mngham	13	55	r	Inverness	9	48	c
Blackpool	13	55	f	Jersey	16	61	s
Bristol	13	55	c	London	19	66	f
Cardiff	13	55	c	M'chster	13	55	c
Edinburgh	10	50	r	Newcastle	9	48	f
Glasgow	16	61	c	P'boldway	11	52	r

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6.06	7.0	6.19	6.8	Liverpool	3.15	8.7	3.44	8.2
Aberdeen	5.24	3.8	6.16	3.6	Lowestoft	1.48	2.2	1.41	2.3
Avonmouth	11.33	11.4	11.52	11.2	Margate	4.17	4.5	4.22	4.4
Belfast	3.16	3.4	3.58	3.0	Milford Haven	10.34	6.0	10.56	6.0
Cardiff	11.18	10.6	11.37	10.5	Newquay	9.26	6.0	9.51	6.1
Devonport	9.09	4.7	10.12	4.8	Oban	9.42	3.1	10.16	3.4
Dover	3.11	6.1	3.32	6.1	Penzance	9.17	4.7	9.20	4.8
Falmouth	9.39	4.5	9.42	4.6	Portland	10.52	1.6	11.07	1.7
Glasgow	4.51	4.7	5.14	4.2	Portsmouth	3.21	4.3	3.59	4.3
Harwich	3.58	3.8	4.10	3.6	Shoreham	3.01	5.7	3.36	5.6
Holyhead	2.24	5.2	3.02	4.7	Southampton	3.00	4.1	3.42	4.0
Hull	10.31	6.9	11.13	6.3	Swansea	10.35	8.2	10.57	8.2
Ilfracombe	10.17	7.9	10.41	7.9	Tees	7.55	5.0	8.41	4.7
King's Lynn	10.37	6.0	11.20	5.5	W'ton-on-Nze	3.57	4.0	4.07	3.8
Leith	6.57	4.9	7.38	4.8					



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TUESDAY MAY 11 1993

Beatles for sale in cut-price return to Hamburg

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

A GAPING hole in German copyright law has allowed Tchibo, a Hamburg coffee company, to sell cut-price compact discs of early Beatles music without having to pay royalties to Thorn EMI, the group's music label since Abbey Road.

Thorn EMI and Paul McCartney, the ex-Beatle, have sought since last autumn in the German courts to force Tchibo to drop its special offer pack of four CDs. But the series of injunctions was overturned in the German firm's favour. German law, while protecting copyright for Germans for 50 years, provides protection for non-German musicians only from 1966. However important the Beatles' time in Hamburg, it did not entitle them to the same legal protection as German artists.

The importance of the Tchibo case to Thorn EMI is obvious. If a coffee company can freely reproduce old Beatles tapes and records in Germany without paying royalties, the biggest market in Europe is wide open for Thorn EMI's arch-rivals in the CD market. The loss of an important stream of royalties from Germany comes as the £1 billion-a-year music industry faces an imminent monopoly enquiry into CD pricing on the British domestic market. Consumer lobbies claim that CDs are as much as 40 per more expensive in Britain than in America. The industry claims that the differential is much narrower.

The Commons national heritage select committee is tomorrow expected to issue a highly critical report on CD pricing and demand that the Office of Fair Trading make a referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Tchibo's offer, originally intended for the Christmas period, was for a box of four CDs for DM34.95, about a quarter of the normal price in Germany. The numbers included many early Beatles classics such as *Tell Me Why*, *I Wanna Be Your Man* and *Norwegian Wood*.

After a Frankfurt district court ruling in its favour, Tchibo went ahead last month with the sale of all 160,000 of its CD packs, which were snapped up within 48 hours. A spokeswoman for Thorn EMI said that the legal process concerning the Tchibo test case had not been finalised and would be affected by a European Court decision the music company is seeking. She said that in a litigious business, Thorn EMI was trying to remove national copyright anomalies in a single European market.

It appears that Thorn EMI is not the only company to have done battle with Tchibo. PolyGram has traded writs with the coffee company over those other giants of British sixties music — the Rolling Stones.

Sterling slips as dealers look for rate cuts

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

■ **Sterling plunged on the foreign exchange markets as dealers realised that the government, weakened by last week's poll disasters, is more likely to cut interest rates**

THE pound yesterday slid from its recent highs as the foreign exchange market speculated that the government, bruised by last week's crushing election defeats, is now much more likely to respond with lower base rates to any signs that the recovery is faltering.

Sterling ended at 79.9 on its trade-weighted index, a full point below its close on Friday night at 80.9. It fell more than 2 pfennigs against the mark and nearly 4 cents against the dollar.

The fact that sterling registered such sharp falls against these two currencies in particular underlines its vulnerability to disarray in the government. While the British economy is clearly recovering, Germany is widely believed to be heading for negative growth of 2 per cent this year and there have been worrying signs that the upturn in the US is looking vulnerable.

The reason for the pound's pronounced weakness yesterday was a widely held market belief that the government is willing to resort to base rate cuts to extricate itself from political difficulties. The last *percentage* point cut in base rates, in January, came days after a big rise in unemployment.

Mark Austin, Treasury economist with Midland Global Markets, said yesterday: "With the government weakened and defensive, any signs that the recovery is losing momentum will probably generate strong backbench pressure for further action to support growth and the government would find it difficult to resist." He said such pressure could come as early as next week when unemployment figures could rise after two months of falling, which most economists found mysti-fying this early in the recovery.

The case for lower interest rates if signs of recovery become muddier in the weeks ahead was strengthened by yesterday's producer prices data. These showed the inflationary effects of sterling's devaluation remain within limits. Input prices fell 1 per cent in April, largely a reflection of the firmness of sterling last month as well as falls in world commodity prices. This fall came after a 0.6 per cent rise in March and took the annual rate of input price inflation down to 7.2 per cent from 8.4 per cent in March.

Even more encouraging was a smaller than expected 0.4 per cent rise in factory gate output prices in April compared with March's increase of 0.7 per cent. The year-on-year growth rate edged up to 3.8 per cent from 3.7 per cent. Robert Thomas of NatWest Capital Markets said, taking the more accurate series of figures excluding food, drink and tobacco, year-on-year rises in output prices had been static at 2.6 per cent for the last three months.

Net lending to consumers by credit businesses jumped to £232 million in March compared with £54 million in February, the highest figure for nearly two years. The Central Statistical Office said that net lending by finance houses increased to £153 million and on bank credit cards to £84 million but there was a further small net repayment to building societies.

The figures confirmed the consumer sector is relatively buoyant although some economists cautioned against reading too much into them. Peter Warburton of Robert Fleming said the credit figure was much larger than he had expected but added the figures only represent about 20 per cent of all consumer credit.

The equity market moved in completely the opposite direction to the foreign exchange market with the FT-SE 100 index closing 36.1 higher at 2,829.8, boosted by a rally on Wall Street.

Recovery cheers stock market

SHARE prices on the London stock market closed at their best of the day, cheered by economic news indicating that recovery is gathering pace (Michael Clark writes).

The FT-SE 100 index ended 36.1 points higher at 2,829.8. Sentiment in late trading was boosted by an opening 30-point rise in the Dow Jones industrial average.

The latest producer price figures, showing a seasonally adjusted rise last month of 0.4 per cent, received a warm welcome.

Signs that consumers may be spending more were provided by the credit figures for March and several company chairmen reported an upturn in business

Brokers took a cautious view, however. Trading conditions were described as thin, with fewer than 600 million shares changing hands by the close of business. Dealers said stock shortages had resulted in exaggerated price movements; they took the view that much of the rise had been futures-led.

Several big players on the future market have recently taken the decision to go short and are being squeezed.

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JAYNE COLE



Dog meets dog: Storm Group, the cartoon character and television production group chaired by Jim Driscoll, above, has signed a two-year contract with Dai Nippon, the Tokyo printing company, to market its characters, including Digswell, the space dog, and The Shoe People. Dai Nippon has set up a Storm Japan project team, which will examine the television, publishing, video and merchandising potential for the Storm Group's characters. The Shoe People are watched in 30 countries, including Britain, America and Russia. Storm shares stand at 9½p.

Bonus helped pay Ronson fine

BY JON ASHWORTH

GERALD Ronson, head of Heron International, the property-to-car-dealership group, was given a bonus of £1.77 million last year to help him pay the £5 million fine imposed on him for his part in the Guinness affair.

Documents sent to 15,000 Heron bondholders reveal that Heron International NV, the holding company based in the Netherlands Antilles, paid the bonus in March 1992. Without this assistance, the documents add, Mr Ronson would have been unable to pay the whole of the fine.

Mr Ronson, 53, received a net bonus of £1.06 million towards the cost of the fine. In return, he allowed Heron to reclaim the £1.77 million from his pension scheme.

The fine was the biggest imposed on a private individual in British legal history. Mr Ronson was sentenced to a year in prison for his role in Guinness's bid for Distillers. He served six months in Ford Open Prison.

Mr Ronson is set to receive a £5 million pay package under proposals revealed to creditors this week. He will receive a salary of £500,000 a year over five years, rising in line with inflation, if Heron's £1.4 billion restructuring package is approved by bondholders. He will also be entitled to a contribution to his pension scheme at 20 per cent of basic salary, a widow's pension and life insurance equivalent to four times his annual salary.

Alan Goldman, deputy chief executive, will receive an annual salary of £150,000 and Michael Marx, finance director, one of £110,000.

Gary Klesch, who represents several bondholders, described Mr Ronson's package as "outrageous". He said: "Other compensation packages have been high but at least reasonable. To get a five million pound package is just outrageous."

A Heron spokesman defended the arrangement, saying: "That's what's been agreed." Mr Ronson currently earns £1.3 million as chairman and chief executive of Heron. A further £897,000 is paid into his pension scheme.

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Clumsy funding — a tax on the future



ANTHONY HARRIS

Someone has woken up at last. Last week, the US Treasury announced that it is to cut its long-term bond issuance, to take advantage of cheaper short-term rates. This has reportedly provoked our own Treasury into some belated questions to the Bank of England. Why do we keep borrowing at over 8.5 per cent when we have an inflation target of under 4 per cent? Is anyone measuring the prospective cost to the taxpayer? And if not, why not?

These questions were raised in this column nearly four months ago; but, as a former editor of mine used to say, if a thing is worth saying, it is worth saying twice. Wasteful funding is an ingrained Bank of England habit — always justified in the name of giving investors what they seem to want. It was broken for a period in the 1980s, when the government stopped borrowing; but this seems to have done no more good than giving up smoking for a time. Light up one, and the addict is back on 30 a day in no time. The Bank may have learned something since it issued a 20-year bond at 16 per cent in 1980; but not much.

The results are not trivial. Excessive long-term borrowing drives up long rates, as we have seen from the last disappointing gilts auction. If the average cost of borrowing is only 1 per cent above what it need be, taxpayers will have to find an extra £500 million a year for the next decade and more; and a plausible case can be made for a higher estimate. Roger Bootle of the Midland Bank, which is the biggest gilts intermediary, puts the damage at more than £1 billion a year — the equivalent of a Black Wednesday-style débâcle every year.

The crude sums are straightforward. A switch from the long dates to 10 years would save nearly 100 basis points; to five, twice as much. The reduced demand at the long end should bring the whole yield curve down, as it did in 1982. Underfunding could defer part of the burden until the green shoots have sprouted and flowered, when borrowing should be much lower; but the Bank continues to avoid short-term issues devised to attract funds from the banks, though this was authorised in the Budget. Are they really trying?

Short-term borrowing, it is true, only defers the problem; but only pessimists will see this as a weighty objection. If the government goes on achieving its anti-inflationary objectives, as the encouraging figures published yesterday suggest it will, market rates should be on a falling trend; so refinancing any short-term borrowing would be easy. The fact that the Bank still prefers the long maturities is therefore not only expensive, but suggests that it has no faith in official inflation objectives, — exactly the wrong message to send, even if it is true.

In any case, short-term borrowing is not the only alternative. If the gilts market is really full of inflation-worriers (and is not simply talking its own book), the logical response is to offer indexed debt, currently yielding only about 3.5 per cent over inflation. This would be expensive only if inflation *averaged* more than 5 per cent over the period to maturity. The authorities argue that this market is thin and illiquid, and cannot absorb large issues. But this is a tautology: if you starve any market of new issues, it will be thin and illiquid. Report, once again: Could try harder.

But why should the Bank of England try harder? It is naturally bound to be more sensitive to the feelings of its immediate customers than to the worries of some future Chancellor, and perhaps duty bound to be a bit pessimistic about inflation. It can also be suspected of a little *schadenfreude* when it sees its political masters made to squirm when their policies get into trouble. The Bank's remit is simply to get the borrowing requirement funded, and it does.

The institution which has a natural interest in minimising future fiscal problems is the Treasury itself; and in the US it is the Treasury which made the announcement and the Treasury, not the Fed, which decides funding policy. This, surely, is the example which should be studied here. And if the Treasury feels uneasy in direct contact with the markets, why not treat funding as a branch of privatisation? Then its financial marketing men might really earn their fat fees.

BUSINESS TODAY

BUYER



China has emerged as the world's largest gold consumer, probably buying gold for its official reserves. *Gold 1993* reports
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TRADER

Trading in Greencore shares resumed as efforts were made to defuse the growing controversy over the share placing
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BUILDER



Lego today unveils detailed plans for a *new Legoland at* Windsor Safari Park, *due to open by* April 1996
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THE POUND

US $ ..... 1.5393 (-0.0380)
German mark .... 2.4675 (-0.0221)
Exchange index ..... 79.9 (-1.0)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 2829.8 (+36.1)
Dow Jones 3460.17 (+22.98)*
Nikkei Avg . 21054.71 (+243.35)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month interbank..... 5 15/16-5 13/16
US Federal Funds 3 5/16%*
3-month Treas Bills . 2.87-2.86%*
Long Bond 6.84%*

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London Fixing ($):
AM 356.25 ..... PM 356.80
Close 356.60-357.10
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Comex 357.95-358.45*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI ..... 139.3 March (1.9%)
* Denotes midday trading price

Profits dive at British Midland

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

AIRLINES of Britain, the holding company for British Midland Airways, saw pre-tax profits more than halve to £830,000 last year, despite a rise in turnover of almost £50 million to £392 million.

Sir Michael Bishop, British Midland chairman, said he was confident that recovery was under way. Given the losses other airlines are incurring, he described his group's performance, marked by a sharp pickup in the second half of the year, as "satisfactory".

Airlines of Britain is 35 per cent owned by Scandinavian Airlines System. SAS is pressing for the creation of a new company — code-named Alcazar — that would link it with KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, Swissair and Austrian Airlines to form the biggest carrier in Europe in terms of passenger numbers. The group's structure would enable British Midland to join.

The four medium-sized airlines see a corporate tie-up, if not a full merger, as crucial if they are to survive in competition with Europe's big three carriers — British Airways, Air France and Lufthansa.

But the Danes are concerned that Alcazar will cost too many jobs at Copenhagen's Kastrup airport — the biggest employer in Denmark. They are in a position to block the airline tie-up.

Jan Carlzon, SAS's Swedish president, has warned the Danish, Norwegian and Swedish governments, which jointly own half the carrier, that SAS must enter new partnerships or mergers to survive.

Working groups set up by SAS, Swissair and Austrian Airlines, already partners in the European Quality Alliance, and KLM have agreed on a proposal for a jointly owned management company, similar to the SAS structure, in which Austrian Airlines would hold 10 per cent and the other three 30 per cent each.

With 36 million passengers a year, it would be bigger than BA, but would trail the British flagship carrier in terms of revenue per passenger. The new grouping would have its main hubs at Amsterdam, Zürich, Vienna and Copenhagen, with smaller ones at Stockholm and Geneva. The aim is to complete a memorandum of understanding by June. The management company and joint balance sheet would be set up next year.

But the Danish trade unions, and some politicians, fear that long-haul traffic will be shifted from Kastrup to Schipol Airport, Amsterdam. The concern is that many of Kastrup's 12,000 jobs could be lost, adding to Danish unemployment.

A full merger has been ruled out for the near future. The SAS model, in which the national companies continue to exist with their own stock exchange quotations, has worked well. SAS, the management company, is unlisted.



Suited to recovery: John Richardson, deputy chairman, is looking for return to profit

Recession marks Sketchley

BY CARL MORTISHED

THE British are wearing shinier suits as the recession cuts into disposable income. That saw pre-tax profits at Sketchley, the dry cleaning and workwear group, almost halve to £3.1 million after a fall in sales to £104 million (£107 million) in the year to April 2.

The results were affected by a £1.7 million exceptional charge relating to the unwinding of interest rate swaps entered into in October 1989.

The company has since cut borrowing to £6.9 million, with gearing at 18 per cent.

Poor economic conditions have affected the dry cleaning division, which made a loss of £200,000, compared with profits of £1.8 million. The deficit is due to lower sales, which fell by more than £2 million to £49 million.

Sketchley is trying to drum up sales. The company is confident that the strategy, combined with economic recovery, will bring about a return to profit. "It is paying off. In April we made our first profit in dry cleaning for six months," John Richardson, deputy chairman, says.

Sales at Textile Service, which supplies workwear to companies, were up from £48 million to £49 million and operating profit was down marginally at £5.4 million.

Earnings per share fell from 7.8p to 4.9p and the dividend is being maintained at 3p.

EC to ease contract bid curbs on US firms

FROM REUTER IN BRUSSELS

EUROPEAN Community foreign ministers have agreed to ease curbs on American companies bidding for EC government contracts, endorsing a deal between senior US and EC trade officials.

A clause in a public utilities directive giving a degree of preference to EC firms over foreign bids will no longer be applied against American heavy electrical firms.

Sir Leon Brittan, the EC trade commissioner, will sign the agreement with Mickey Kantor, the American trade representative, probably when they meet in Toronto this month for Gatt talks with their Japanese and Canadian counterparts.

Sir Leon and Mr Kantor last month reached a partial solution to the government contracts dispute that had threatened to touch off a trade war between the two sides.

The American administration intends to impose a scaled-down package of trade sanctions against the EC because the clause to which it objects in the public utilities directive will still apply against US companies trying to break into the EC telecommunications sector. The European Commission expects the shape of these sanctions to become clearer now that the EC ministers have approved the Brittan-Kantor deal.

Sir Leon told the ministers that the accord had begun the process of rolling back the US "Buy American" legislation which, he said, was much more discriminatory than anything in EC legislation.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Alternative BAT scrip dividend offers more

BARCLAYS de Zoete Wedd has agreed that all accepting shareholders would benefit from Swiss Bank Corporation's higher bid for BAT Industries' scrip dividend. SBC announced its top-up offer, worth 1.02p more than BZW's 32.2p per scrip share, on Thursday. Since then, the brokers have agreed SBC will provide the extra cash to shareholders already accepting the BZW offer.

The BAT scheme was one of several designed to cut British companies' liability to advance corporation tax. BZW offered investors accepting the scrip dividend alternative 50 per cent more than BAT's 22.6p cash payout. Assuming a full take-up, BAT would retain £432.2 million in cash, including a £97.3 million tax saving. SBC will earn 2 per cent, the difference between its 33.2p offer and the 33.9p actual scrip value. SBC is offering 98 per cent of the scrip value against the 95 per cent first offered by BZW. Tempus, page 25

NIE registers 500,000

MORE than half a million people have registered to buy shares in Northern Ireland Electricity, which is to be privatised in a flotation worth up to £400 million next month. A third of those who have registered live in the province. Customers who register by midnight on June 1 will be entitled to vouchers giving money off their bills, or a free share for every ten bought, provided they are held for three years. Non-customers will be entitled to one free share for every 20 retained.

Sidlaw expects revival

SIDLAW Group, the Scottish mini-conglomerate, expects profits from its oil and packaging businesses to improve later in the year, but gave a warning that the textiles operation would continue to struggle. In the six months to March 31, pre-tax profits were unchanged at £4.6 million, with earnings of 9.2p (9.5p) a share. The interim dividend rises to 4.25p from 3.75p. Operating profits rose £0.23 million to £2.96 million in oil services, and stayed at £2 million in packaging.

Sales boost for Argos

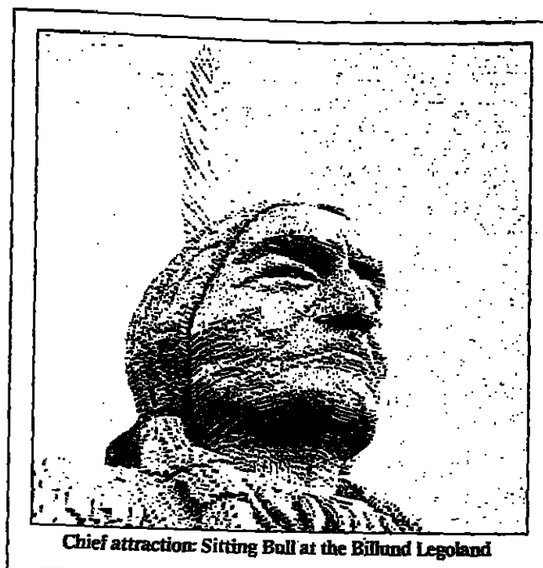
ARGOS, the catalogue retailer, has seen a sharper rise in like-for-like sales so far this year than in the second half of 1992, David Donne, the chairman, told its annual meeting. But unemployment worries and government tax policies "may well hold back any substantial rise in consumer spending", he said. Sterling's devaluation had yet to hit prices, he added, though Argos was acting to minimise its effects. The retailer expects to open 25 new catalogue stores this year.

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Ethical Growth	64.44	68.55	+0.22	2.55
High Inc Equity	148.20	157.60†	+0.70	5.05
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Exempt	878.10	907.10†	+7.40	3.39
Extra Inc	41.97	43.59	+0.17	5.52
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High Inc	373.00	398.70	+4.90	4.13
Equity Inc	210.60	225.10	+3.00	4.05
High Yield	229.20	245.00†	+2.80	4.18
Balanced	635.90	679.70	+8.00	2.60
American Inc	46.05	49.22	+0.95	3.45
Wld Asset Val	38.89	41.57	+0.51	1.97
Japan	193.60	206.30	+2.80	0.01
Secs of Am	390.50	415.60	+9.60	0.44
AXA EQUITY & LAW St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	307.30	327.00†	+2.90	2.69
-do- Inc	217.70	231.60†	+2.10	2.69
Higher Inc Acc	559.80	595.60†	+4.70	3.66
-do- Inc	339.90	361.60†	+2.80	3.66
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	173.10	182.80	+0.20	6.22
-do- Inc	90.71	95.81	+0.12	6.22
Nth America	346.00	361.80†	+4.30	...
Far East	287.00	305.40†	+2.40	0.18
Europe	217.60	231.50	+1.20	1.14
General Inc	416.80	443.50	+4.40	2.30
-do- Acc	457.30	486.50	+4.80	2.30
Brit Excell	62.47	66.46†	+0.65	2.64
Brit Fndmtls Inc	66.53	70.78	+0.46	4.92
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Global Opps	70.15	74.85†	+1.07	...
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15 081 534 5544				
Capital	102.80	110.10	+0.50	3.17
Euro Gth Inc	111.20	118.00	+0.10	1.00
Extra Inc	101.90	109.00†	+0.30	5.43
General	233.90	250.20†	+1.30	3.45
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.49	59.43	+0.05	8.72
Income	472.80	505.70	+1.30	4.93
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American Gth	87.00	92.47	+1.54	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	115.30	123.70	+2.40	...
Convertibles	52.14	55.76	-0.02	6.90
Eastern	174.70	187.90	-1.50	1.60
Equity Income	80.17	85.29†	+0.43	6.20
European Gth	222.40	236.70†	+1.30	1.50
Euro Smllr Cos	148.70	159.20	+1.10	1.90
Exempt	80.67	82.80	...	3.60
German Growth	54.81	58.45	-0.21	0.70
Global Growth	105.20	112.00	+1.00	...
Japan Growth	196.40	210.20	+4.10	...
Japan Sunrise	168.30	180.10	+1.90	...
Portfolio	115.10	123.20	+0.90	3.20
-do- Acc	205.10	219.00	+1.60	3.20
UK Growth	78.60	83.61	-0.23	2.90
UK Smaller Cos	80.82	86.43†	-0.44	1.90
Select Managers	61.71	66.13†	-0.37	2.00
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	102.34	109.45	+0.70	1.87
-do- Inc	93.05	99.50†	+0.64	1.87
Global Bond	28.93	30.69	-0.20	4.89
High Yield Acc	52.35	55.99	-0.28	4.96
-do- Inc	38.00	40.64†	-0.21	4.06
Smlr Cos Acc	88.82	94.99	-0.09	1.35
-do- Inc	81.64	87.31†	+0.08	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	56.89	60.84	-0.45	...
-do- Inc	55.83	59.71	-0.94	...
Euro Gth Acc	98.52	105.37	+1.04	1.07
-do- Inc	97.17	103.93	+1.02	1.07
Mngd P folio	34.18	36.56†	-0.32	1.31
Pacific Growth	96.56	103.60	+1.24	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	85.61	91.56	-0.09	0.67
BROWN SHIPLEY 9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
Financial	118.90	126.60	-0.40	3.31
Smaller Cos Acc	282.20	302.00	-2.10	...
Smaller Cos Inc	164.10	175.60†	-1.20	1.23
High Inc	70.04	75.29	-0.31	6.98
Income	124.40	133.10†	-0.40	4.13
Mngd P folio Inc	92.11	98.10	-0.32	2.03
-do- Acc	174.10	185.40	-0.60	...
North American	99.82	106.30	-1.10	0.30
Orient	121.80	131.20†	-2.00	...
Recovery	39.29	42.23	-0.22	2.65
German	40.47	43.39	+0.44	0.09
Intl Growth	32.47	34.56	-0.57	0.23
European Inc	21.93	23.51	-0.02	0.48
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542 Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	61.03	64.93†	+0.21	1.40
-do- Acc	68.80	73.20	+0.24	1.16
Income Fund 5	207.70	221.00	+1.20	4.17
-do- Acc	483.20	514.10†	+2.70	4.02
Inv Portfolio	65.83	68.22†	-0.37	2.08
-do- Acc	74.34	77.04	-0.42	2.03
Smaller Cos	125.30	133.30	...	1.53
-do- Acc	150.40	160.10	...	...
High Inc P folio	59.17	61.32	+0.40	4.70
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL 071 480 7216				
Sht Gilt Fxd Int	65.55	66.45	+0.10	6.08
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	132.50	141.00	-0.20	1.67
UK Growth	143.10	152.30	+0.70	2.15
UK Income	120.50	128.20†	+0.60	4.24
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	81.60	87.49†	-1.05	0.01
Growth	43.65	46.69	-0.57	2.93
Income	53.04	56.73	-0.30	4.28
Far East	47.84	51.16†	-0.60	0.15
North American	80.43	86.45†	-2.45	0.01
Global	82.15	87.86	-1.49	0.77
European	68.73	73.51	-0.35	1.21
Japan	112.50	120.30	+2.30	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	57.50	60.93†	+0.73	5.25
UK Cap Gwth	76.93	82.29†	+1.75	2.21
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF Enquiries: 061 236 5685 Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	124.40	132.40†	+2.20	0.12
-do- Acc	132.30	140.80	+2.30	0.12
European	64.44	68.30	+0.47	0.91
-do- Acc	66.80	70.79	+0.48	0.91
Far East Gen	64.03	68.12	+1.36	...
-do- Acc	64.03	68.12	+1.36	...
Glenfriars	239.70	255.00	-3.70	0.75
-do- Acc	269.80	287.10	-4.20	0.75
Growth	371.80	397.70	+2.40	2.34
-do- Acc	636.40	680.70	+4.00	2.34
Income Growth	370.50	394.20	+2.90	3.82
-do- Acc	492.70	524.20	+3.70	3.82
Master Portfolio	9228.0	9565.0†	+66.00	2.89
-do- Acc	10681.0	11069.0	-75.00	2.89
Special Sits	84.59	89.99	-0.49	2.30
-do- Acc	98.98	105.30	-0.58	2.30
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1173.0	1210.0†	+8.00	4.41
-do- Acc	1385.0	1428.0	+10.00	4.41
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	184.80	196.90	+4.20	1.68
Capital	519.90	554.80†	+5.20	2.40
Eurotrack 100	126.10	134.20	+1.10	1.54
Euro Gth	77.94	83.01	-0.62	1.36
Far East Growth	89.45	95.46	+1.66	0.14
Global Bond	23.26	24.51	-0.35	6.10
Hong Kong	75.19	80.24	+1.13	0.86
Income	489.70	522.60†	+3.40	3.99
Intl Growth	72.97	77.87	+1.45	1.00
Japan Growth	272.80	291.10	+6.70	...
Japan Smllr Cos	33.75	36.01	+0.64	...
Japan Index	78.19	83.44	+2.07	0.23
Nth American	412.60	440.30†	+7.70	0.98
S pore Mly Gth	50.54	53.93†	+1.03	...
The Foottsie Fd	105.60	111.50	+1.30	2.64
Tiger Index	133.10	142.00	+2.40	0.70
Trixie Index	103.60	110.50	+0.50	2.60
UK Index	121.10	129.20	+1.30	3.01
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
American P folio	81.73	87.31	+1.95	1.00
European P folio	70.79	75.35†	+0.84	1.38
Japanese P folio	64.50	68.50	+1.62	...
Pacific P folio	93.71	100.77	+0.57	1.16
Cazenove P folio	69.48	74.32	+0.66	3.00
UK Income Gth	61.48	65.97†	+0.49	5.00
Utility & Bond	48.89	49.52	+0.10	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	595.05	600.00	...	4.82
Fixed Int	152.70	152.80	...	9.49
Deposit	5.65	...	5.77	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Income	585.59	585.74	...	5.10
-do- Acc	2295.4	2305.3	...	...
Deposit	5.60	...	5.72	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.15	124.16	...	9.34
-do- Acc	165.20	165.44	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	61.15	64.37†	-0.03	2.35
Beckman Intl	78.54	82.88†	...	3.20
Friars Hse Inc	173.69	186.76†	-0.37	6.23
Friars Hse Cap	243.34	261.66	-2.16	2.79
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222 Dealing: 081 686 9818				
Japan Gth Acc	41.94	44.62	+0.83	...
Smaller Cos	34.09	36.27	-0.56	1.89
-do- Acc	38.41	40.86	-0.63	1.89
UK General	66.70	70.96	-0.56	2.49
-do- Acc	79.96	85.06	+0.67	2.49
Wwide Bd	61.97	65.85	+0.78	6.13
-do- Acc	79.84	84.62	+1.00	6.13
Wwide Sp Sits	55.74	59.61	+0.72	0.16
-do- Acc	58.07	62.11	+0.75	0.16
Quilter General	118.04	125.57	+1.11	2.49
-do- Acc	131.10	139.47	+1.23	2.49
Quilter Income	91.43	97.27	+0.43	3.91
-do- Acc	112.68	119.87	+0.51	3.91
Quilter Intl	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
Quilter UK Spec	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Deposit	91.89	91.89†	+0.03	5.49
-do- Acc	91.89	91.89†	+0.03	5.49
Fin Property				
Fixed Corr	40.15	42.71†	-0.01	7.52
-do- Acc	106.43	113.22	-0.01	7.52
Equity Inc	144.60	153.83	+1.07	3.47
-do- Acc	464.16	493.79	+3.41	3.47
High Yield	116.71	124.16	+0.83	4.67
-do- Acc	440.74	468.87	+3.14	4.67
Preference	45.84	48.77†	-0.66	7.52
-do- Acc	235.34	250.36	-3.43	7.52
PPT Europe	147.14	156.53†	+0.19	0.97
PPT Mthly Inc Plus	47.14	50.15†	+0.04	8.03
PPT Global Bnd	81.27	86.53†	+1.04	5.80
PPT Gold Com	53.10	56.49†	+1.47	...
PPT Oriental Gth	53.98	57.43†	+0.93	0.55
PPT Far East Gth	104.90	111.60†	+1.47	0.34
PPT Managed	60.27	64.12	+0.53	3.33
-do- Acc	73.69	78.39	+0.65	3.33
PPT Japan	118.45	126.01†	+2.53	...
PPT N Amer	143.88	153.06†	+3.20	0.09
PPT UK Gth	114.66	121.98	+1.03	1.93
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	76.52	81.40	+0.70	0.97
Japanese Acc	61.74	65.68	+1.25	...
UK Balncd Inc	124.40	132.30	+0.50	2.54
-do- Acc	145.20	154.50	+0.70	2.54
UK Growth Acc	203.50	216.50†	+0.20	2.22
UK High Inc	129.80	137.90†	+0.30	6.89
-do- Acc	156.90	166.90†	+0.40	6.89
N America Acc	106.60	113.40	+1.30	0.34
European Acc	150.10	159.70	+0.10	0.44
UK Pref Fil Inc	59.74	63.38	+0.08	8.92
-do- Acc	96.41	102.30	+0.10	8.92
Intl Sp Sits Acc	46.76	49.74	+0.45	0.23
Environmntl Opp	70.40	74.89†	+0.14	1.48
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	108.50	115.30	+2.60	0.43
UK Smllr Cos	189.10	200.90†	-0.40	1.24
Eurofund	36.66	38.87	+0.17	1.03
Mngd Exempt	163.80	170.70†	+0.60	3.08
Growth Inc	209.20	222.30	+2.50	3.02
High Dist	135.40	143.90†	+1.00	5.30
International	313.90	333.50	+3.40	0.97
Intl Income	78.55	83.85†	+1.09	3.20
Pacific	55.86	59.14	+0.40	0.51
Smllr Jap Cos	68.10	72.42	+1.49	...
Tokyo	205.00	217.80	+5.00	...
Japan Exempt	113.90	118.00	+0.90	0.42
Sm Jap Exempt	352.20	367.30	+6.30	0.09
Formerly Target				
American Eagle	118.90	126.30	+2.80	1.11
Australia	6.766	7.189	+0.057	1.11
Equity	182.70	194.10	+1.40	3.60
Euro Spec Sits	138.10	146.30†	+0.80	0.58
Financial	38.45	40.85	+0.37	2.95
Global Opps Inc	87.39	92.85	+1.32	2.17
-do- Acc	90.59	96.25	+1.38	2.17
Gold Gen Inc	44.45	47.23†	+0.66	0.92
-do- Acc	85.32	90.65†	+1.30	0.92
Income	118.90	126.30	+0.80	3.38
Japan General	158.70	168.60	+3.60	...
Preference	21.29	22.62†	+0.06	8.03
UK Capital	102.10	108.50	+0.80	3.11
Worldwide Cap	193.00	205.10	+2.30	3.13
World Income	80.66	85.70	+0.81	3.55
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance	170.80	181.60	...	1.10
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	102.38	107.77†	+1.27	3.34
High Income	118.37	124.60†	+1.07	4.88
Tst of Inv Tsts	140.92	148.34	+0.60	2.16
Special Sits	83.55	87.95	+1.23	2.77
North American	102.87	108.28	+2.80	0.93
Far Eastern	236.59	249.04	+5.00	1.41
Intl Growth	92.49	97.36	+1.90	1.39
European	62.54	65.83	+0.60	2.22
Smaller Cos	69.40	73.05	+0.75	2.20
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
United Charities	218.00	231.80†	...	3.62
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.30
European Tst	115.70	123.10	+1.10	...
High Income	24.43	25.71†	+0.11	5.79
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	89.78	95.01	-0.70	0.83
Far Eastern	135.00	144.20	+2.10	...
Oseas Income	86.91	93.20	+1.76	2.53
UK Growth	91.58	97.95	+0.76	1.15
UK Income	99.67	106.60†	-0.80	3.72
US Smaller Cos	235.90	253.30	+5.00	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Am Smllr Co	414.30	443.00	+10.60	...
-do- Acc	423.20	452.50	+10.60	...
Capital	284.50	302.60	-0.10	1.91
-do- Acc	396.30	421.50	-0.10	1.91
Conv Smllr Cos	47.51	51.13	-0.20	0.86
-do- Acc	49.15	52.90	-0.20	0.86
Convertible	111.70	118.80	...	6.03
-do- Acc	208.90	220.00	...	6.03
European	94.47	101.00	+0.60	0.97
-do- Acc	97.62	104.30	+0.50	0.97
Extra Income	287.80	306.10	+1.20	4.07
-do- Acc	402.90	428.50	+1.60	4.07
Financial	102.10	109.60†	+0.90	0.67
-do- Acc	107.00	115.00†	+0.90	0.67
Health Fund Inc	110.50	118.00	+2.30	...
-do- Acc	110.50	118.00	+2.30	...
Income Tst	175.30	187.50	+0.80	3.79
-do- Acc	243.70	261.30	+1.00	3.79
Intl Growth	305.60	326.40	+6.90	...
-do- Acc	339.30	362.40	+7.60	...
Japan Gen	174.00	186.20	+2.50	...
-do- Acc	175.90	188.00	+2.50	...
Mngd P folio Inc	88.67	93.53†	+0.57	0.93
-do- Acc	91.21	96.11†	+0.50	0.93
Monthly Income	149.20	157.60	+0.40	4.01
Recovery	283.90	301.50	+2.20	0.75
-do- Acc	332.40	355.40	+2.50	0.75
Gilt Gth Tst	59.81	61.67†	+0.09	7.00
-do- Acc	77.28	79.69†	+0.12	7.00
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	339.66	357.07†	...	2.92
-do- Acc	466.68	490.57	...	2.92
Euro Gth Dist	103.17	108.75	...	0.97
-do- Acc	108.26	113.04	...	0.97
Fixed Int Dist	127.96	135.35	...	6.45
-do- Acc	214.97	227.38	...	6.45
Intl Gth Dist	74.29	79.03	...	0.81
-do- Acc	76.84	81.75	...	0.81
Nth Amer Dist	158.81	168.22	...	0.97
-do- Acc	172.21	182.43	...	0.97
Pac Basin Dist	235.49	250.51	...	0.29
-do- Acc	239.16	254.46	...	0.29
Stewardship Dist	294.15	312.97	...	1.85
-do- Acc	350.71	373.11†	...	1.85
Stwd Inc Dist	51.87	55.52	...	3.51
-do- Acc	54.37	58.21†	...	3.51
N Am Stwd Dist	91.86	97.72	...	...
-do- Acc	91.17	97.37	...	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 220 4567. Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	137.40	147.00†	+2.40	...
European	394.80	419.50	-2.10	1.01
Far East General	218.30	233.50	+2.80	0.31
Germany	94.85	100.40	-0.23	0.45
Global Assets In	65.05	69.60	+0.43	2.77
Global Assets Ac	68.97	73.58	+0.45	2.77
Income Inc	116.40	126.50	+0.70	7.06
International	254.40	272.10	+2.00	1.22
Intl Income	77.07	81.97	-0.81	4.36
Japan General	363.90	386.60†	+6.30	...
Smllr Cos Dir	46.28	49.50	+0.41	0.13
UK Capital Inc	158.90	170.00	+1.50	3.63
-do- Acc	271.90	290.90	+2.60	3.35
Uk Spec Sits	72.40	77.50	-1.12	1.64
US General	108.30	115.40†	+0.70	0.12
W wide Spec Sits	112.10	119.90	+0.70	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	42.99	45.78	-0.50	1.46
Cash Trust	128.45	128.48	+0.04	4.62
Pract Inv Inc	101.19	107.44	+0.14	4.06
-do- Acc	215.08	230.65	+0.30	4.06
UK Smaller Cos	99.54	106.14	+0.45	1.36
Income Funds				
Preference Share	25.17	26.92	-0.01	7.45
High Inc	30.44	32.66†	+0.06	5.12
UK Equity Inc	124.70	133.35	+1.21	3.98
Global Bond	28.68	30.02	+0.43	5.76
International Funds				
Gold Intl	76.53	82.07	+1.72	1.02
Frontier Markets	39.80	42.47†	+0.55	0.42
Global Inc Gth	115.65	123.41†	+1.00	2.23
UK Intl	107.98	115.42	+1.05	2.42
Overseas Funds				
American	123.95	131.98	+2.25	0.50
European	79.71	84.54	+0.42	0.67
Euro Sel Opps	32.79	34.99	+0.04	0.54
American Emerg	58.74	62.28	+1.03	...
Hong Kong	107.91	115.72	+0.85	1.99
Japan	22.48	23.94	+0.42	...
Pacific Growth	147.11	157.74	+2.11	0.44
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	122.09	130.57	-0.24	0.37
American Gth	116.25	124.33	+0.23	...
European Gth	66.00	70.33	-0.37	0.42
German Horizon	...	...	...	...
Japan Gth	77.94	83.36	+1.35	...
Pacific Inc	134.65	144.01	-0.93	2.85
Pacific Strategy	114.32	122.27	-0.31	0.25
UK Prog Inc	71.01	74.90	-0.24	4.61
Gt British Cos	46.65	49.17†	+0.08	2.70
UK Small Cos	44.12	47.19	-1.17	2.12
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9068				
Cash	130.90	130.90	...	4.74
Gilt Fixed	117.40	124.60	+0.20	6.61
Growth Equity	278.50	297.50	+1.60	2.13
Guardhill	411.80	439.90	+3.60	2.39
Income Trust	106.10	113.30	+0.70	3.46
International	152.20	162.60	+1.50	0.36
Japan Trust	124.30	132.70	+2.30	...
Nth American	240.10	256.50	+2.50	0.48
Pacific	355.00	379.30	+3.10	...
European	337.10	360.10	+0.80	0.57
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 609, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	33.95	35.99	...	1.81
-do- Acc	35.53	37.67	...	1.81
Inc Adv Inc	28.68	30.41	...	4.33
-do- Acc	29.82	31.61	...	4.33
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	72.10	77.24	+1.06	0.92
Equity Income	108.10	115.00†	-1.00	3.50
European	128.70	136.20†	-0.30	0.89
Intl Situation	73.55	78.24	+0.41	...
Japanese	144.40	153.20	+3.30	...
North American	95.78	101.80	+1.92	...
Scandinavian	114.20	120.70	+0.80	0.42
Smaller Cos	29.46	31.34	-0.05	2.04
HENDERSON PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	86.08	92.01†	+1.93	...
Asian Enterprise	120.38	129.62	+1.43	0.74
Australian	132.47	141.60†	-0.65	1.26
European	360.29	381.43†	+3.66	1.36
European Inc	68.29	72.24	+0.52	3.10
Euro Sml Co	120.87	129.23	+1.32	0.68
Extra Income	254.61	271.05	+1.07	4.54
Family of Funds	68.08	72.67	-0.29	1.31
Fixed Interest	54.67	58.46	-0.02	8.06
Global Resrce	92.63	99.43	-0.10	0.86
High Inc	279.48	298.75†	+3.31	4.21
Income Gth	234.12	249.73	+1.60	3.36
-do- Acc	589.16	627.45	+4.04	3.36
International	222.60	237.04†	+2.69	0.84
Japan Spec Sit	236.99	252.10	+4.93	...
Japan	201.40	217.24	+3.69	...
N Amer	210.12	223.70	+4.00	0.21
Pacific Smllr Cos	177.90	191.70	+3.46	0.37
Pref Gilt	44.65	48.50†	+0.16	8.40
Smaller Cos Div	160.28	174.68†	+0.63	3.94
Special Sits	249.88	267.36	+1.88	2.06
-do- Acc	385.03	411.45	+2.90	2.06
Best of British	54.04	57.94†	+0.44	2.35
Spirit of the East	58.38	62.30†	+0.70	0.42
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	84.76	90.65	-0.28	2.50
Capital	151.20	161.70	+1.30	2.01
Dollar	295.20	315.80	+5.70	0.07
European	189.40	202.50	+0.80	0.59
Far East	223.70	241.30	+2.40	0.52
Financial	667.60	714.20†	+8.00	2.50
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.25	26.27	+0.01	8.12
High Yield	98.74	105.60	+0.40	4.78
Income	130.10	139.10	+1.10	3.80
Intl	209.00	224.40	+3.10	0.27
Japan Tech	69.99	74.95	+0.97	...
Nat Resources	56.22	60.12	+0.64	0.71
Security	287.80	307.80	+1.40	2.18
Smaller Cos	107.00	114.40	...	1.52
Special Sits	133.30	142.50	+0.80	1.99
US Smaller Cos	62.67	67.02	+1.06	...
IBI FUND MANAGERS 36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	241.20	253.00	+6.50	1.43
Capital Gwth	99.23	103.40	...	2.56
Inv Trusts	...	...	...	...
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	23.79	26.06	-0.08	1.59
Special Features	26.41	28.09	-0.23	1.66
-do- Acc	31.14	33.12	-0.26	1.66
General Funds				
UK Growth	51.22	54.98†	+0.48	1.95
Assets Earnings	68.66	72.95	+0.56	1.95
-do- Acc	89.75	95.73	+0.66	1.95
Managed Invest	84.52	90.14	+1.02	1.21
Rupert Children	73.19	78.06†	+0.64	1.86
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.50	50.50	+0.01	4.42
Extra Inc	77.60	83.04	+0.15	4.89
Gilt	27.48	28.92	+0.03	6.82
Income Gth	37.66	40.28†	+0.24	3.50
Midstar	74.16	75.97	+0.08	8.09
Preference	17.71	19.38	+0.07	6.18
UK Income	299.10	320.10†	+1.90	3.00
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Ser	54.33	57.72	-0.51	1.31
Property Shares	59.79	63.72	+0.40	1.85
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	138.90	146.10†	+1.00	3.83
European Acc	106.50	112.80	+0.50	1.86
European Dist	101.40	107.40†	+0.50	1.86
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	47.62	50.66	+1.08	0.92
European Perf	104.90	111.30	-0.10	1.09
-do- Acc	106.90	113.40	-0.10	1.09
Euro Small Cos	20.73	22.07	+0.10	0.75
French Growth	64.42	68.58	-0.08	0.54
-do- Acc	68.82	73.27	-0.09	0.54
Hong KrChina	66.96	71.91	+0.73	1.73
Intl Growth	49.61	52.71	+0.65	0.66
-do- Acc	49.61	52.71	+0.58	0.66
Japan Perf	35.10	37.20	+0.50	...
Accum Units	35.10	37.20	+0.50	...
Japan Smllr Cos	35.65	37.90	+0.92	...
Singapore Asean	74.90	80.73	+1.04	0.30
-do- Acc	74.85	81.21	+1.05	0.30
South East Asia	216.00	231.00	+2.10	1.02
US Smllr Cos	100.30	106.50	+2.20	...
-do- Acc	101.40	107.70	+2.30	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	61.64	67.00	+1.12	2.24
Intl Bond	56.04	58.74	+0.44	6.41
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc	69.28	69.62†	+0.03	4.90
Extra Income	50.95	54.20	+0.32	6.75
Gilt Yield	117.10	123.90	+0.21	7.46
Global Income	192.30	204.40†	+2.50	4.29
High Yield	129.00	137.20†	+1.27	6.00
Smllr Cos Div	45.97	48.90†	+0.01	4.29
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	87.35	92.93	+3.33	...
North American	72.29	76.90	+1.78	0.42
European	126.90	135.00	+1.10	0.87
Euro Special	76.51	81.39	+0.54	0.95
General	258.40	274.90	+5.40	3.24
Japan	410.20	436.40†	+11.50	...
Japanese Special	218.50	232.40	+6.30	...
Master Acc	211.70	225.20	+3.00	1.37
Pacific	255.90	272.20†	+5.20	0.59
Smaller Cos	99.17	105.50	+0.60	1.99
UK Equity Gth	33.69	35.84	+0.24	1.81
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	71.33	75.88	+0.28	0.91
Extra Income	23.28	24.77†	+0.14	3.41
Far East	26.21	27.88†	+0.40	0.96
Income Gwth	71.10	75.64	+1.21	2.97
Intl Growth	50.16	53.36†	-0.65	0.75
Japan	64.59	68.71	+1.24	...
Maximum Dist*	99.41	101.40†	+0.10	6.86
N Amer Equity	38.91	39.27	+0.57	0.50
UK Equity	83.94	89.30†	-0.48	2.96
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	52.32	55.66	+0.66	4.49
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	413.30	439.70	+4.00	2.94
Equity Acc	784.60	834.70	+7.70	2.94
Equity Income	89.84	95.57	+0.43	5.17
European	92.22	98.11	+0.99	1.74
Far Eastern	176.10	187.30	+2.10	0.31
Fixed Interest	50.67	53.90	+0.04	6.47
Gilt	88.48	93.83†	+0.11	6.55
Global Growth	63.96	67.62	+0.64	0.77
Intl Bond	54.94	58.45	+0.80	4.86
Japanese	70.22	74.70	+1.56	...
Overseas Equity	91.84	97.70	+0.93	0.81
Pacific Gth	81.63	86.84†	+0.75	1.29
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Metropolitan Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834313				
Balanced	303.10	322.50†	+5.60	2.95
-do- Acc	665.80	708.30	+12.60	2.95
Cond Euro Gth	48.86	51.44	-0.11	1.62
-do- Acc	51.67	54.39	-0.13	1.62
Extra Inc	234.90	249.90	+1.00	3.89
-do- Acc	571.30	607.80	+2.40	3.89
German Gth	97.76	103.00	+0.10	0.34
-do- Acc	102.60	108.00	+0.10	0.34
Growth Port	477.80	508.30	+1.90	0.39
-do- Acc	477.80	508.30	+1.90	0.39
Income	434.60	462.40†	+1.30	3.56
-do- Acc	1115.0	1187.0	+4.00	3.56
Income Port	477.40	507.40†	+1.10	4.58
-do- Acc	482.00	512.30	+1.10	4.58
Japan Growth	94.60	100.70	+1.87	0.01
-do- Acc	94.93	101.00	+1.78	0.01
Master Trust	50.24	53.77	+0.24	1.80
-do- Acc	54.97	58.48	+0.26	1.80
N American Gen	171.20	182.20	+2.30	0.01
-do- Acc	197.70	210.40	+2.60	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	129.70	138.00	+2.20	0.01
-do- Acc	132.40	140.90	+2.30	0.01
Pacific Basin	196.90	209.50	+4.70	0.58
-do- Acc	208.10	221.40	+4.90	0.56
Small Cos Rec	296.10	311.50†	-0.30	2.40
-do- Acc	385.60	405.90	-0.50	2.40
UK Growth	76.97	81.89	+0.42	2.45
-do- Acc	89.75	95.48	+0.48	2.45
Worldwide Gth	265.00	282.00	+2.10	0.33
-do- Acc	390.40	415.40	+2.90	0.33
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282673				
General	74.42	79.85†	+0.44	3.10
Income	58.54	62.85	+0.29	5.80
International	55.44	59.48	+0.55	0.80
American	56.75	60.88	+0.77	0.40
Japan	54.02	57.96	+1.00	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	53.70	57.62†	+0.09	2.10
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	367.70	386.20	+4.20	0.82
-do- Acc	453.20	478.00	+5.20	0.82
American Rec	390.20	412.60†	+4.60	0.18
-do- Acc	447.10	472.70	+5.20	0.18
Am Sm Co Acc	112.70	119.10	+1.20	...
Australia Acc	146.90	155.40	-1.00	1.26
Capital	637.60	674.30	+2.50	2.63
-do- Acc	703.50	744.00	+2.80	2.63
Commodity Acc	407.50	430.90	+3.60	0.75
Compound Gth	790.60	836.10	+2.30	3.01
Dividend	34.00	36.00†	-0.21	4.24
-do- Acc	134.80	142.60	+0.80	4.24
Equity Inc	288.90	305.50	+0.60	4.85
European Div	58.00	61.30	+0.20	4.43
-do- Acc	65.60	69.30	+0.20	4.43
European Gen	364.30	390.50	-0.40	1.71
-do- Acc	461.30	487.80	-0.30	1.71
Extra Yield	366.80	387.90	+2.20	4.90
-do- Acc	1072.5	1134.3	+6.50	4.90
Far Eastern	288.50	305.10	+2.30	0.65
-do- Acc	379.50	401.30	+3.00	0.65
Fund of Inv	476.00	504.30†	-0.88	2.29
-do- Acc	869.80	919.90	-1.30	2.29
General	51.90	54.90	+0.20	3.66
-do- Acc	136.80	144.70	+0.60	3.66
Gilt Fxd Int	60.10	60.80†	+0.04	8.07
-do- Acc	151.10	151.30	+0.20	8.07
Gold	48.20	51.10	+0.40	1.16
-do- Acc	56.40	59.60	+0.40	1.16
High Inc	24.40	25.80	+0.10	4.58
-do- Acc	90.30	95.70	+0.50	4.58
Intl Growth	66.60	70.60	+0.30	0.93
-do- Acc	114.80	121.70	+0.50	0.93
Intl Inc	89.10	94.20†	+0.30	4.63
Japan Gen Acc	49.80	52.60	+0.80	...
Japan Smllr Cos	144.90	153.20	+2.30	...
Midland	52.00	55.00†	+0.20	3.49
-do- Acc	166.20	176.10	+0.70	3.49
Recovery	35.60	37.60	+0.20	2.79
-do- Acc	55.90	59.10	+0.40	2.79
Second Gen	59.40	62.90	+0.20	1.57
-do- Acc	145.30	153.60	+0.50	1.57
Smaller Cos	37.60	40.90	+0.10	3.27
-do- Acc	109.20	115.50	+0.40	3.27
Trustee	37.60	39.80†	+0.20	3.89
Charifund 3	1108.30	...†	+10.10	9.95
Charifund 2	603.30	615.40†	+4.40	5.27
Pension ex I	830.20	840.80†	+4.70	4.30
NAACIF Inc 3	144.10	...	...	8.07
-do- Acc 3	1068.0	...	+3.00	8.07
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	132.70	141.90	+0.78	2.09
-do- Acc	147.40	157.60	+0.78	2.09
UK Income	111.20	118.90	+0.85	2.76
-do- Acc	124.00	132.60	+0.85	2.76
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	75.00	80.31	+0.99	0.85
Far East (Pacific)	131.10	139.10	+1.90	0.68
Income Growth	67.29	71.06†	-0.79	3.24
European	68.02	69.02	-0.10	1.31
Nth American	54.50	57.85	+0.05	1.08
UK Growth	73.84	77.32	-0.30	1.67
Intl Growth	90.81	96.49†	+1.06	0.67
Charities	103.70	110.00†	+0.80	3.87
Intl Income	65.28	69.29	+0.16	4.35
Japan	53.49	56.78	+0.95	0.07
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2060				
American	178.70	189.70	+2.30	...
-do- Acc	191.02	202.70	+3.50	...
Cash	100.30	100.30†	...	5.51
-do- Acc	128.10	128.10†	+0.10	5.51
European Gth	185.50	196.80	+0.60	0.81
-do- Acc	198.50	210.70	+0.60	0.81
General	444.00	473.60†	+3.90	2.56
-do- Acc	844.50	900.90†	+7.40	2.56
Global Dist	128.70	135.30†	+1.10	5.40
-do- Acc	144.00	151.40†	+1.20	5.40
Income	133.50	142.40	+0.40	4.78
-do- Acc	195.40	208.30	+0.80	4.78
International	370.20	394.20	+2.90	0.71
-do- Acc	491.00	522.90	+3.80	0.71
Japan	179.00	189.90	+4.00	...
-do- Acc	183.80	194.90	+4.10	...
New Europe	131.90	140.70	+0.30	1.84
-do- Acc	133.90	142.90	+0.20	1.84
Recovery	284.50	303.50	+0.80	2.96
-do- Acc	359.70	383.70	+1.00	2.96
European Inc	71.82	76.30	+0.34	3.19
-do- Acc	91.11	96.78	+0.42	3.19
Brit Blue Chip	69.70	74.28†	+0.67	3.39
-do- Acc	82.20	87.62†	+0.80	3.39
Portfolio	71.60	76.15†	+0.53	2.98
-do- Acc	81.42	86.59†	+0.60	2.98
Gold General	100.50	108.10	-0.20	0.87
-do- Acc	101.90	109.60	-0.10	0.87
Pacific	86.17	91.91	+0.82	0.91
-do- Acc	91.08	97.15	+0.86	0.91
UK Smaller Cos	49.56	52.86†	+0.07	2.14
-do- Acc	55.31	59.00†	+0.09	2.14
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 529 200 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	55.92	59.81†	+0.34	3.03
-do- Acc	56.78	60.73	+0.34	3.03
British Dist	74.70	79.89	+0.70	2.05
-do- Acc	86.56	93.44	+0.80	2.05
European Gth	161.50	172.70	+0.20	0.33
-do- Acc	202.80	216.70	+0.80	0.33
Extra High Inc	66.85	71.50†	+0.13	6.34
-do- Acc	117.50	125.70	+0.20	6.34
FT-SE 100 Index	47.09	50.34	+0.49	2.68
-do- Acc	47.07	50.34	+0.49	2.68
Gilt Fixed Int	55.33	57.60	+0.07	6.86
-do- Acc	145.30	151.30	+0.20	6.86
High Yield	208.50	221.00†	+0.60	4.72
-do- Acc	489.70	523.70	+1.50	4.72
Income	269.60	288.30	+1.70	3.54
-do- Acc	560.40	599.40	+3.50	3.54
Japan Gth	341.70	365.50	+7.20	...
-do- Acc	360.60	385.70	+7.50	...
Mandarin Acc	93.40	99.89	+1.91	1.23
North American	158.70	169.70	+3.10	0.53
-do- Acc	199.50	213.40	+3.90	0.53
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	249.60	266.00	+5.20	...
Deposit Inc	99.92	99.92	-0.28	4.73
Deposit Acc	122.20	122.20	+0.03	4.73
Euro Gth Acc	260.80	278.70	+1.30	...
Europa	117.80	126.60	+0.60	...
Intl Gth	163.70	174.70†	+1.90	...
Japan Tracker	75.58	80.01	+1.62	...
UK Equity Inc	142.20	153.30	+0.20	4.28
-do- Acc	174.30	187.80†	+0.20	4.28
UK Ind Tracker	137.90	147.70	+0.70	3.27
US Eq Ind Trkr	181.00	191.80	+0.70	1.52
-do- Acc	191.50	202.90	+1.80	1.52
Asian Trader	147.10	159.30†	+1.20	0.49
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	150.20	160.00	+1.60	2.37
European	58.55	59.85	-0.21	1.20
Olympiad	51.96	55.28	-0.50	0.44
Global Bond	45.96	46.53†	+0.10	6.73
Smaller Cos	62.90	65.61†	-0.20	1.24
Equity Income	86.66	92.13	+0.18	5.17
UK Growth	80.03	82.42†	-0.27	2.15
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	44.56	47.51	+0.50	1.01
Australian Acc	282.90	303.50	+2.30	...
Conscience	62.48	66.48	+0.18	1.06
-do- Acc	67.09	71.60	+0.19	1.06
European	160.70	171.40†	+0.90	1.11
-do- Acc	172.90	184.40	+1.00	1.11
Extra Income	70.56	75.32	-0.28	5.89
-do- Acc	105.10	114.30	-0.40	5.89
Far East Gth	157.50	168.30	+3.50	0.14
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.12	60.45	+0.09	6.42
Gold	38.28	41.06	+0.47	...
-do- Acc	41.23	44.33	+0.47	...
Income	50.75	54.13	+0.23	5.19
-do- Acc	152.20	162.30	+0.70	5.19
International	28.36	30.42	+0.45	1.08
-do- Acc	40.74	43.71	+0.64	1.08
Jap Sm Cos Acc	321.90	343.30	+7.20	...
S pore Mly Acc	166.80	178.80	+3.90	...
Smllr Cos Acc	24.87	26.74	+0.44	2.06
Special Sits	31.31	33.66†	+0.18	1.81
-do- Acc	36.06	38.77	+0.22	1.81
Tokyo	84.44	90.06	+1.79	...
-do- Acc	85.30	90.98	+1.81	...
N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	65.71	69.91	+0.49	2.84
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	72.24	76.45	-0.05	7.27
N&P Higher Inc	189.70	201.90	+1.40	4.52
N&P UK Income	99.27	105.61	+0.87	3.85
N&P Intl	84.10	89.47†	+0.53	1.82
N&P Smaller Cos	74.00	78.73†	+3.12	1.55
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA 071 407 4404				
General	156.31	166.29†	+1.45	2.32
Global	269.48	286.69†	+2.67	1.14
Growth	103.63	110.25†	+0.86	2.35
Income	193.01	205.33†	+1.07	4.40
Intl Bond	122.91	130.51†	+0.08	6.49
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	131.30	138.10†	-0.90	1.49
-do- Acc	232.80	245.00	-1.00	1.49
Income	309.00	323.30	-1.30	3.71
Intl Equity	212.70	226.30	-1.20	0.92
-do- Acc	232.90	247.70	-1.30	0.92
Equity	399.40	425.70	-1.80	2.49
-do- Acc	424.50	451.80	-3.10	2.49
UK Intl 25 Acc	66.40	70.63	-0.45	1.99
UK Income	58.18	61.89	-0.34	3.22
UK Smllr Co Acc	70.47	74.97	-0.25	1.52
New Europe Inc	58.74	62.49	-0.35	1.52
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	87.97	94.00	+1.90	0.13
PEP Gth Inc	96.95	103.70	+1.28	1.15
Intl Gth	466.82	499.06	+8.08	0.86
Income	287.43	307.63	+1.39	3.48
W wide Recov	206.43	217.04	+3.07	0.46
American Gth	194.08	207.55	+3.58	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	177.90	190.27	+2.86	0.09
Far East Gth	211.25	225.94	+3.54	0.01
European Gth	109.69	117.32	+1.43	1.22
UK Growth	73.91	79.05	+0.59	3.05
High Income	80.31	85.90	+0.66	4.39
Japanese Gth	214.79	228.21	+4.53	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443				
International	166.30	176.90†	+1.90	0.90
High Income	106.10	112.90†	+0.50	3.74
Conv Gilt	107.60	114.30	+0.50	6.47
Far East	290.40	309.00	-2.30	0.40
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 5 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	48.08	51.15	+0.85	0.22
Emerging Mkts	58.20	61.91	+0.94	0.61
General	45.90	48.83	-0.32	3.29
International	81.10	86.28†	+1.04	1.40
Gilt Units	24.16	25.60†	+0.02	7.53
Global PEP	33.67	35.82†	+0.36	2.16
Income Gth	62.40	66.38†	+0.56	4.94
European	41.03	43.65	+0.14	0.69
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.29	26.90	-0.04	5.81
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4514 Pricebank: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tr**	30.20	32.29	+0.28	1.62
Pru Csh Fivd Inc	100.82	100.82†	+0.04	4.99
-do- Acc	104.92	104.92†	+0.03	4.99
Pru Equity	634.69	678.81†	+4.16	2.49
Pru Equity Inc	77.34	82.60	-0.73	4.65
Pru European	166.17	177.72	+1.10	1.90
Pru Global Gth	76.69	82.02	+0.78	1.57
Pru High Inc	84.12	89.98†	+0.09	5.70
Pru Intl	155.94	166.78	+2.14	1.30
Pru Intl Sm Co	65.53	70.08†	+0.72	0.92
Pru Japanese	201.56	215.57†	+4.73	...
Pru Nth Amer	135.33	144.73	+1.61	0.48
Pru Pacific Mkt	70.83	75.75	+0.76	1.86
Pru Premr Inc	48.34	50.24†	+0.08	7.62
Pru Smllr Cos	80.46	86.05†	...	2.01
Pru Spec Sits	95.04	101.64	+0.61	2.38
Pru UK Grwth	106.26	113.64†	+0.81	2.38
** Formerly Holborn Trust				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
NC Income	147.10	158.61†	+1.10	3.74
NC Japan	270.87	290.31	+4.08	...
NC Maj UK Cos	89.98	96.88	+0.56	2.49
NC America Inc	456.56	490.16	+5.20	0.87
-do- Acc	530.32	569.32	+6.04	0.87
NC Smlr UK Cos	253.43	276.19	+0.29	1.54
NC European	244.09	260.61	+1.30	1.35
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	68.90	73.28†	+0.76	3.85
Capital Units	138.30	147.10	+1.10	1.34
Commodity	95.71	101.80	+0.40	1.28
European Gth	146.00	155.30	+0.10	1.37
Financial Sec	163.80	174.20	+1.50	1.93
High Return	207.80	221.00	+1.00	4.51
High Yield	198.90	211.50†	+0.90	4.13
Income Units	105.30	112.00	+0.50	4.91
Investment	166.40	177.00†	...	1.17
Japan Gth	151.80	161.40	+2.70	...
Japan Smaller	170.00	180.40†	+3.60	...
Masterfund	44.52	47.36	+0.39	0.95
Scotbits	238.00	253.10	+2.30	1.66
Scotshares	249.00	264.80	+2.20	2.73
Scotyields	216.70	230.50	+2.10	4.01
Select Intl	124.50	132.40†	+1.00	0.75
Smaller Cos	230.90	234.90†	+0.40	4.10
Special Situation	106.50	113.20	+0.10	0.85
UK Equity	217.20	231.00	+1.30	2.90
US Growth	130.90	139.20	+1.20	0.41
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD 33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client Line: 0800 526 535. Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	227.74	242.92†	+6.23	0.51
-do- Acc	246.71	263.16	+6.75	0.51
Australian	123.60	131.84	+0.26	0.61
-do- Acc	145.31	155.00	+0.31	0.81
UK Enterprise	202.93	216.45	+1.61	2.44
-do- Acc	234.42	250.04	+1.86	2.44
European Gth	58.70	62.61	+0.56	1.41
-do- Acc	60.77	64.81	+0.58	1.41
Euro Smllr Cos	55.19	58.86	+0.43	0.38
-do- Acc	55.56	59.26	+0.43	0.38
Far Eastern Gth	67.45	71.94	+1.53	...
-do- Acc	68.54	73.10	+1.55	...
Fixed Interest	51.11	53.91	+0.13	7.32
-do- Acc	62.07	65.46	+0.15	7.32
Gilt Income	100.75	106.18	+0.15	7.56
-do- Acc	140.72	148.30	+0.22	7.56
Income	299.28	319.23	+3.05	4.12
-do- Acc	882.79	941.64	+9.01	4.12
Japan Enterprise	68.23	72.77†	+1.28	...
-do- Acc	68.23	72.77	+1.78	...
Japan Smllr Cos	445.53	475.23	+8.00	...
-do- Acc	446.42	476.18	+8.02	...
Pacific Gth	89.11	95.05	+2.11	0.21
-do- Acc	91.70	97.87	+2.17	0.21
Smaller Cos	183.51	195.74	+0.77	0.94
-do- Acc	210.31	224.33	+0.88	0.94
Tokyo	108.15	115.35	+2.80	...
-do- Acc	109.24	116.51	+2.91	...
UK Equity	200.85	214.24	+1.77	2.74
-do- Acc	371.96	396.75	+3.21	2.74
US Smlly Cos	128.68	137.25†	+3.53	...
-do- Acc	128.98	137.25	+3.52	...
World Fd	68.13	72.67	+0.68	1.62
-do- Acc	71.83	76.62	+0.72	1.62
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	43.40	46.22	+0.27	4.43
Equity Strategy	61.82	65.84	-0.15	1.28
European Opps	69.08	73.57	-0.29	1.22
Maximum Inc	95.75	101.30	-0.04	5.38
UK Smaller Cos	49.96	53.23	-0.23	3.21
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	334.80	352.00	-3.40	2.82
American	232.00	246.40	+3.60	0.94
Pacific	322.10	344.50	+5.40	0.66
European	439.80	470.40	-2.30	1.27
Worldwide	76.68	82.01	+0.82	1.22
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	292.30	311.00	+1.80	2.62
UK Sm Cos Eqty	200.10	212.00	+0.50	1.80
European	315.00	335.80	+0.30	2.09
North American	237.30	252.50†	+4.10	0.52
Income Plus Inc	63.35	67.40	+0.31	3.73
UK Spec Sits	68.36	69.54	+0.48	2.30
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2361/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	24.56	26.29†	+0.13	3.01
Intl Growth Acc	28.11	30.00†	+0.24	1.15
Global Inc Acc	30.18	32.30	+0.12	3.87
Market Ldrs Acc	25.21	26.94	+0.19	2.96
SG TOUCHE REMNANT 3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA. 071 410 4829				
American Gth	77.23	82.59	+1.62	...
Euro Spec Sits	43.84	46.65†	-0.36	...
-do- Acc	40.44	43.30	-0.38	...
Far East Opps	30.44	32.08	+0.50	...
-do- Acc	31.49	33.89	+0.52	...
General Growth	96.50	103.40	+0.80	2.04
Global Tech	114.30	123.60†	+3.10	...
Income Growth	99.56	107.10	+0.60	3.49
Income Monthly	56.51	60.43	+0.19	4.26
Japan Growth	81.36	86.52	+1.25	...
Overseas Gth	73.09	77.79†	+1.05	...
Smaller Cos	70.95	76.29†	-0.02	1.62
Special Opps	99.77	107.20	+0.60	2.16
Wld Spec Sits	46.51	50.13	+0.87	...
-do- Acc	46.62	50.25	+0.87	...
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4HR 071 626 6226				
European	194.10	...	+0.11	...
Global Bond	194.33	...	+0.12	7.50
Japan Samurai	104.32	...	+0.01	...
UK Growth	102.96	...	+0.36	4.26
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	42.25	44.90	-0.10	1.84
Equity Gth Acc	57.09	60.66	...	1.61
UK Eq General	40.23	42.75†	...	2.44
-do- Acc	53.19	56.52	...	2.44
European Acc	39.56	42.04	-0.40	1.16
Far East Acc	53.12	56.44	-0.20	0.24
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	29.56	31.26†	+0.10	6.34
N American Acc	40.35	42.88	-0.20	0.83
O/S Lgr Cos Acc	264.50	287.00	-1.30	1.51
UK Eq High Inc	33.90	36.02†	-0.10	3.86
-do- Acc	40.26	42.78	-0.10	3.86
UK Lgr Cos Inc	278.00	301.70†	+0.50	3.89
UK Lgr Cos Acc	362.00	395.80	+0.70	3.89
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	NZ$3.61	NZ$3.84	...	1.12
US Eq	$2.080	$2.207	...	0.79
Far East Eq	Y249.6	Y264.1	...	...
Japan Eq	Y242.7	Y257.8	...	...
FT Europe	109.30	116.00	...	2.18
FT North Am	$1.698	$1.801	...	1.08
FT Japan	Y243.6	Y258.7	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.828	$1.942	...	1.75
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	322.00	342.80	+3.50	0.32
British	906.40	959.00	+3.00	4.42
European	386.30	411.40	+2.10	1.44
Japan	142.50	151.40	+2.40	...
New Pacific	280.10	298.30	+1.70	1.32
Mngd Cash	95.75	95.75	+0.03	5.08
Majority Stg	99.92	100.92	+0.00	4.87
Inv Tst	180.10	190.90	+0.50	1.86
Saints PPP	366.90	386.20	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	705.20	754.20	+5.60	2.77
N America Acc	107.70	115.20	+1.30	0.07
Far East Acc	117.70	125.90	+0.90	...
W wide Bond	59.28	62.93†	+0.76	5.43
European	79.73	85.22	-0.61	0.72
Equity Income	79.95	85.51	+0.60	3.19
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	32.59	34.86	-0.40	0.61
Managed Assets	115.45	123.48	+0.81	3.43
UK Income	35.48	37.95	+0.22	3.09
UK Growth	35.12	37.57	+0.24	2.39
Worldwide Gth	30.10	32.20†	+0.38	0.41
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	195.45	207.93	+3.44	0.21
-do- Acc	214.68	228.38	+3.79	0.21
British Gth	82.84	88.13†	+1.24	1.89
-do- Acc	97.47	103.69†	+1.45	1.89
European	91.66	97.52	+1.43	0.73
-do- Acc	96.69	102.86	+1.52	0.73
Extra Inc	181.01	192.56	+1.25	3.87
-do- Acc	288.75	307.18	+1.99	3.87
General Unit	251.76	267.83	+2.08	2.58
-do- Acc	496.77	528.48	+4.11	2.58
Income	316.27	336.46	+1.71	3.44
-do- Acc	644.21	685.33	+3.49	3.44
International	463.50	493.08†	+4.22	0.81
-do- Acc	606.73	645.46†	+5.53	0.81
Pacific	323.64	344.30	+1.95	...
-do- Acc	338.95	360.59	+2.05	...
Premier Income	49.69	51.76†	+0.03	6.56
-do- Acc	103.39	107.91†	+0.06	6.56
Nat Resources	105.27	111.99†	-1.28	0.34
-do- Acc	115.46	122.83†	-1.40	0.34
Selected Opps	93.10	99.04	-0.48	1.14
-do- Acc	116.50	124.00	-0.60	1.14
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF 071 493 7262 Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Smll Cos	68.81	73.39	+0.70	...
-do- Acc	70.97	75.70	+0.73	...
Cash	50.43	50.45†	+0.02	6.25
-do- Acc	61.54	61.54†	+0.01	6.25
European Opps	59.31	63.14	-0.13	0.47
-do- Acc	59.93	63.79	-0.13	0.47
Far East Opps	146.73	156.51	+1.98	...
-do- Acc	150.15	160.16	+2.03	...
Gold/Nat. Res	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
Japan	83.66	88.16†	+1.59	...
-do- Acc	83.65	88.16†	+1.56	...
Little Dragons	64.91	69.23†	+0.74	0.72
-do- Acc	66.95	71.41†	+0.77	0.72
Oriental Income	42.17	44.98	+0.86	3.54
-do- Acc	53.75	57.33	+1.13	3.54
Tiger	201.46	214.89†	+2.24	1.23
-do- Acc	212.22	226.36†	+2.36	1.23
UK Small Cos	71.01	75.94	+0.01	2.01
-do- Acc	82.84	88.50	+0.01	2.01
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	15.40	16.44	-0.06	0.50
Pacific Basin	29.61	31.50	+0.16	0.60
Canadian Gth	34.90	37.12	+0.73	...
Global Bond	$0.976	$1.017	+0.007	7.30
Penny Share	23.60	25.18	+0.08	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.65	52.65	...	5.40
Gilt Growth	65.13	67.78	+0.19	...
Gilt Income	51.37	53.41	+0.15	7.75
Short Dtd Gilt	106.00	107.30	+0.30	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.716	$0.725	+0.000	...
Challenger	58.51	60.56	+0.98	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	66.00	70.21	-0.07	2.09

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return): † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.



Chief attraction: Sitting Bull at the Billund Legoland

Lego reveals plans for £60m Windsor park

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

LEGO, the Danish family firm whose brightly-coloured plastic bricks have built it a worldwide toy empire, will today unveil to local planning officials details of its closely-guarded scheme for the Legoland it wants to build at Windsor Safari Park.

Undaunted by the difficulties and losses the Disney group has run into with its Euro Disney park near Paris, Lego is pressing ahead with its plan to have the gates open at the Windsor park by April 1996.

At today's preliminary session with the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, Lego will produce the draft drawings on which its request for planning permission for the £60 million project is based. The public, however, will have to wait until June for a first glimpse at the outlines. The 142-acre site is expected to cater for 1.2 million visitors a year and employ up to 600 staff.

The state of the Danish company's finances should certainly give it no cause to delay or pull out of the scheme. It saw profits and sales climb last year, despite the poor economic conditions in many of its key markets. It even managed to increase its share of the world toy market. Group sales were almost 6 per cent higher at Kr4.74 billion (£499 million) while pre-tax profit jumped more than 20 per cent to Kr635 million.

The first Legoland, opened in 1968 in the small town of Billund on Denmark's Jutland peninsula, is the second biggest tourist attraction in Denmark.

It draws more than a million visitors a year in a country with a total population of only five million. Billund was the home town of Ole Kirk Christiansen, the man who gave Lego its quiet beginnings 60 years ago.

His descendents still control the firm, albeit through tax-efficient Swiss holding companies.

Lego's confidence about expanding its concept to Britain, and eventually to America, reflects the Danes' long-standing self-assurance in the pleasure park business.

Copenhagen's Tivoli Gardens, which celebrate their 150th anniversary this year, are said to have inspired Walt Disney in the fifties to create his first Disneyland. Tivoli, as Denmark's top attraction, enjoys 4 million visitors a year.

Now the fifth biggest toymaker in the world in sales terms, coming behind the big Japanese and American groups, Lego insists that it has no intention of abandoning the strict guidelines of its founder at its Windsor park.

Mr Christiansen's motto "only the best is good enough" remains the company byword. The question now is whether Lego's best will satisfy the planning department of Windsor and Maidenhead.

Despite the big investment planned for Windsor, Lego has no plans to start producing its toy bricks in Britain. In Europe, it has production plants in high-cost Denmark and Switzerland only. But it also has plants in America, South Korea and low-cost Brazil.

Tomkins cut 1,500 RHM jobs after takeover

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

A TOTAL of 1,500 jobs have been cut at Ranks Hovis McDougall, the baking group, since its £925 million takeover by Tomkins in December last year.

The industrial conglomerate will make a £90 million provision in its accounts to cover the cost of the job cuts and other restructuring. RHM's Windsor head office is to close after a review of office accommodation.

In its first progress report on the integration of RHM, Tomkins also said profits for the year just ended will be "in line with market expectations, continuing our record of above-average earnings growth, even though trading conditions generally have shown few signs of sustained improvement". Ian Hilliker, of NatWest Markets, is forecasting £170 million, up from £132.1 million.

The dividend for the year will be not less than the 6.35p forecast at the time of the bid — an increase of 21 per cent. After the acquisition, financed partly by a £653 million rights issue, Tomkins ended the year with net cash of more than £100 million.

Tomkins' interests now include bread, revolvers and lawnmowers.

On the management side, RHM's five UK divisions have been streamlined into four with shorter lines of communication. The Chicago head office of RHM US has been closed, with responsibility for its businesses transferred to Tomkins' HQ in Dayton, Ohio.

Tomkins has also closed RHM bakeries at Croydon and Exeter and a plant at Taffs Well near Cardiff. It has reduced capacity at the Wimbush bakery in Birmingham.

Distribution depots at Liverpool and Preston have been closed and the Grimsby depot is also to be shut down.

Tomkins said the closures bring capacity more into line with demand and concentrate production in the efficient bakeries.

RHM's product range has also come in for scrutiny, with low-volume items being eliminated. However, new lines such as Mothers Pride Fibre White and split rolls and buns have been introduced.

Substantial cost-cutting measures have been implemented in RHM's flour milling business. Tomkins said the measures were accelerated by difficult market conditions and sterling's devaluation after leaving the ERM. It hopes milling efficiency will be improved by recent capital investment programmes at Southampton and Manchester.

Rationalisation at RHM Foods — which includes Sharwood's and Bisto — led to the closure of its Chapelhall depot in Lanarkshire. The McDougalls flour bagging plant in Nottingham is also to close.

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Davy denies share support operation in Greencore stake

BY CARL MORTISHED

■ **The Securities and Futures Authority in London will launch its own investigation of the troubled share placing once Irish authorities have concluded their probe**

DAVY, the Dublin stockbroker at the centre of the growing political controversy over the placing of a stake owned by the government of the Irish Republic in Greencore, said there had been no share support operation or false market in Greencore shares after the botched attempt on April 14 to place the 30 per cent holding.

Trading resumed in shares of Greencore, the food group, yesterday, after the Bank of Ireland stated that it would take up any shares not taken up by institutions, up to a maximum of 10 million shares.

Dealings in Greencore were suspended last Thursday, after it was disclosed that parties connected with Davy had taken shares in conflict with rules limiting stakes to 15 per cent.

The Bank of Ireland, which owns Davy, said its agreement to take up more shares was dependent on approval from the enterprise and employment minister.

Kyran McLaughlin, a director of Davy, said the stockbroker's only mistake had been to overestimate demand for Greencore shares. Responding to the decision by the Securities & Futures Authority (SFA) in London to investigate the placing, Mr McLaughlin said it was nonsensical. "The London Stock Exchange have got it wrong," he said.

The SFA intends to look into the events surrounding the Greencore placing, including SG Warburg's agreement with Davy to take up 10 million Greencore shares as a placee of last resort.

According to Davy, both parties were to share the profits and losses of the transaction but Greencore was not a party to the deal. Mr McLaughlin said that a misinformation campaign about Greencore led to weak demand for the stock but the broker was reluctant to place the shares with Warburg. It chose instead to retain some in-house, with the balance sold to directors of Davy and Gandon Holding, a company connected with it. "We were not happy exercising the full back-stop. We would have been severely criticised for having a placing that flopped," Mr McLaughlin said.

The SFA enquiry will not begin until the Irish Stock Exchange has concluded its own investigation. Tom Healy, in charge of the investigation in Dublin, said the Irish Stock Exchange was looking at all aspects of the placing. "The core issue is whether the market was misled," he said.

Mr McLaughlin says that Davy complied with all disclosure requirements by revealing its interest in Greencore shares within five days. "We were not required to disclose it earlier," he said.

According to the SFA, offshore stockbroking firms could also be caught under UK securities legislation. Geoff Turner, of the SFA, said that the Financial Services Act can apply to brokers outside the UK if they regularly carry on business in the UK.

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STEPHEN MARKESON



Rolling along: Mike Smith, chief executive of API, the printing-to-packaging group, has reported pre-tax profits of £1.96 million (£1.34 million), a rise of 46 per cent, for the six months to April 3. The company, the second-largest maker of stamping foils in the world, said there was nothing to suggest the second-half performance would "not continue this encouraging trend". Earnings per share in the period rose 42 per cent to 6.4p against 4.5p last time, and the interim dividend is raised 10 per cent to 3.35p (3.05p). The group has net cash of £2 million and intends to pursue growth organically and by acquisition. The biggest profits contributor was the foils and laminates arm. Profits jumped to £1.4 million from £759,000 in the comparable period last time. API spent £1 million last year fighting off an unwelcome £24 million takeover bid from NMC.

Holders of GPA bonds face losses

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

AMERICAN holders of GPA Group's junk bonds face losses of up to $1.6 billion under a debt restructuring plan by the Irish aircraft leasing company that moves into a crucial stage this week.

The price of the $2 billion 8.75 per cent bond issue firmed slightly in New York yesterday to between 21 and 31 cents for each $1 face value, but analysts doubt bondholders will get anything like that if they agree to GPA demands to swap the debt for equity. Paul Davner, an analyst with BDS Securities, a specialist in junk bonds, said: "The bondholders have a gun to their heads."

The bondholders, which include several leading American insurance and unit trust companies, are due to meet GPA executives in New York on Thursday. Then, the company will seek a moratorium on interest payments as a prelude to a debt-equity swap.

GPA is set to start paying $50 million in interest payments next Monday as part of $200 million due to the bondholders over the next two months. GPA is believed to be in talks with General Electric about an injection of capital.

Prowting says house price rise must wait

BY MARTIN FLANAGAN

PROWTING, the south of England housebuilder, cut its pre-tax losses to £4.9 million (£17.7 million loss) in the year to February 28 but said recovery in 1993 would probably be in volumes rather than prices.

Operating profits dived to £3.9 million from £8.4 million, but a £4.9 million exceptional writedown against landbank values contrasted with £22.1 million last time.

The loss per share has been cut from 18.8p to 7.9p. There is no final dividend as a second interim dividend of 1.7p was paid last month, making a total of 3.4p (5p).

Terry Roydon, chief executive, said that while volumes would probably recover this year, it would be 1994 before there was any material improvement in house prices.

Prowting, which slashed its payroll by more than a quarter to 200 in the year, sold 290 houses against 273 last time. However, the average price fell to £88,000 from £103,000.

Mr Roydon feels it could be 1995-6 before the group approaches its halcyon levels of 600 to 700 sales a year.

Prowting's focus has traditionally been on the "trading up" market, although this time sales to first-time buyers rose to 30 per cent from 23 per cent. Mr Roydon said he felt this proportion would fall as recovery hardened. Hopes for resurgence are based partly on "affordability ratios" in the South being "very strong at the moment", said Mr Roydon.

Year-end borrowings were £26.1 million, against a peak in the year of £42.4 million. Gearing is 48 per cent. Prowting has not called on shareholders for funds since floating in 1988, and said it had no plans to do so.

Panmure Gordon, Prowting's broker, is looking for profits of £3 million this year. The shares were up 4p at 118p.



Roydon: sales rise

Union will fight BT job losses

BY ROSS TIERNAN INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE leader of Britain's telephone workers pledged total opposition to compulsory redundancies after BT declined to rule out suggestions that the company may shed 70,000 jobs over the next four years.

Tony Young, general secretary of the National Communications Union, is to demand a promise from BT that there will be no renewed job-cutting drive. "Under no circumstances will we accept compulsory redundancies," Mr Young said. "The union is determined to protect the jobs of those who want to stay with the company."

Last night, however, a BT spokeswoman said that while no job losses were planned beyond March 1995, staff numbers were "kept constantly under review". BT has shed 60,000 employees since 1989 and negotiated the loss of a further 15,000 this year. A similar number will go in the year to March 1995.

There have been suggestions that the company may seek to shed a further 40,000, bringing the total down to little more than 100,000 within four years. BT dismissed the suggestions as "speculative".

Berisford edges back into black

BY OUR CITY STAFF

BERISFORD International, the property and commodities conglomerate, is back to square one after its £210 million bid for Clarks was rejected by the shoe maker's shareholders last week.

Berisford scraped back into the black in the six months to March 31, with a profit of £400,000, compared with a £57 million interim loss last year.

Alan Bowkett, Berisford's chief executive, said the company had been looking at five acquisition targets: the collapse of the Clarks deal reduced the number to four. Berisford had not expected the Clarks bid to be contested. "The only mistake we made was that we were invited to make an offer on a friendly basis and we believed them," Mr Bowkett said.

American tax losses of $650 million suggest that future acquisitions will have an American component, but Mr Bowkett reckons the first deal will be in Europe. Berisford also has £40 million of UK tax losses and recoverable advance corporation tax of £19 million.

The company incurred an operating loss of £1.5 million during the period, taking into account central overheads of £3 million. Mr Bowkett said US agribusiness, which contributed £1.1 million (£1.5 million), was seasonal and made more money in the second half. Berisford's property assets continue to be sold, and the company's commodity trading interests are also likely to go. Berisford's other businesses include Ketlon, an automotive products company, and Eurotrailer, which owns and rents 700 trailers.

The balance sheet has net cash of £3.2 million. Earnings per share were 0.3p, compared with a loss of 58.3p in the previous period. The company is still not paying a dividend.

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Rule change denies auditors a fig-leaf

BY GRAHAM SEARJEANT FINANCIAL EDITOR

FROM this autumn, company accounts will never be quite the same again. Those seeking the usual four-line report from some grand firm of accountants intoning that the accounts have been audited, comply with accounting standards, and give a true and fair view of the year's trading and the state of affairs, will be disappointed.

Instead, at least for companies reporting on financial years ending on or after September 30, the audit report will be more wordy, taking about two dozen lines, even if it has little more to say than that the accounts seem fine. When all is not so fine, however, the user will find the auditor's comments potentially more useful in explaining what is wrong with the accounts, if not the company.

Nigel Macdonald, who helped to draw up the standard and is now president of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland, argues that this may be "the most fundamental change in audit reporting for a generation". Others will see it as merely a foretaste of greater changes to come. The first mandatory Statement of Auditing Practice from the new, strengthened Auditing Practices Board stems from the board's cautious beginnings, before it was gripped with fervour for reform. It approached the expectations gap, over auditors' role in alerting investors to trouble, with a limited aim: to deflate ideas of what auditors presently do.

Many of the new words will merely explain that the accounts are the responsibility of the board of directors, which draws them up, and that auditors are there to give an independent opinion and plan their audit to give themselves enough information to establish whether the figures are broadly in the right area.

The new formula will, however, put more onus on auditors by banning easy get-out clauses. No longer will auditors say that accounts give a true and fair view "subject to" some imponderable, such as a contract going right or the company remaining solvent. They must ensure that the issue is explained in the accounts. The audit report will still refer to any fundamental uncertainty and explain its significance. If the issue is fudged by directors, the auditors will qualify their opinion of the accounts.

Qualifications will be clearly signalled. Bill Morrison, chairman of the APB, said this should strengthen the hand of auditors. "It removes uncertainty by setting out where comment is required. There can be no argument about whether something needs to be referred to and therefore no incentive for a company to look for a second opinion".

The change will clear up another uncertainty. Until now, auditors often dated their reports on the day the accounts were agreed, not when they actually signed. This may have made many audit reports legally invalid.

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LEGAL NOTICES

BISHOPS STORTFORD OVERNIGHT SERVICES LTD
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Peter S Dunn FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Latham Crosley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the Creditors on 5th May 1993.
DATED this 6th May 1993.
Peter S Dunn FCA, Liquidator.

CLADFAST LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Peter S Dunn FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Latham Crosley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London, W1H 3FF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the Creditors on 4th May 1993.
DATED THIS 4TH MAY 1993
Peter S Dunn FCA, Liquidator.

Key Metal Stockholders Limited
Registered number: 1356281. Nature of business: Other Wholesale. Trade classification: 18. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 29th April 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: M.D. Goodman, FCA and K.P. Batty, FCA (office holder nos: 2407 and 8741) of Leonard Curtis & Co., PO Box 583, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LP.

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF FLEET DISPOSAL SERVICES LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
On 16 April 1993 the company was placed in creditors' voluntary liquidation by its members and Peter N Spratt of Price Waterhouse has been appointed liquidator. This appointment was ratified by the company's creditors at a 900 meeting on 27 April 1993.
Creditors of the company are requested to send details in writing, of their claims against the company to the liquidator at Thames Court, 1 Victoria Street, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 1HB.
Claims need not be in any particular form, but creditors wishing to claim VAT bad debt relief are requested to complete the form issued by the liquidator. The liquidator reserves his right to require a creditor to support his or her claim by affidavit.
Date 30 April 1993
P N Spratt, Liquidator.

No. 003798 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER of CAPITAL & COUNTIES PLC
and
IN THE MATTER of THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 26th day of April 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £185,000,000 to £184,800,000 by (a) returning capital which is in excess of the wants of the Company and (b) cancelling unissued shares of the Company
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, on Wednesday the 19th day of May 1993
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to support or oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of Capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same
DATED this 11th day of May 1993
LINKLATERS & PAINES (ARDB)
Barrington House
59-67 Gresham Street
London EC2V 7JA
Solicitors for the Company

Notice of appointment of liquidator
voluntary winding up
(Members or Creditors)
Pursuant to section 109 of The Insolvency Act 1986
Consent Number: 2555807.
Name of company: Fleet Disposal Services Limited. Nature of business: Disposal of Motor Vehicles as Agent. Type of liquidation: Creditors. Address of registered office: 55 Station Road, Beaconsfield, Bucks HP9 1QL. Liquidator name and address: Peter N Spratt Price Waterhouse, Thames Court, 1 Victoria Street, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 1HB. Office holder no: 6278. Date of appointment: 16 April 1993. By whom appointed: Members on 16 April 1993 and Ratified by the creditors on 27 April 1993. Date 30 April 1993. P N Spratt, Liquidator.

NOTICE OF CREDITORS' MEETING UNDER S48(2) RANDSWORTH TRUST LIMITED
LONDON & PROVINCIAL SHOP CENTRES (HOLDINGS) LIMITED
COMMERCIAL AND CENTRE INVESTMENTS LIMITED
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above company will be held pursuant to section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986 at the offices of KPMG Peat Marwick, 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP on 24 May 1993 at 11.30am for the purpose of receiving the report of the Administrative Receivers and, if thought fit, appointing a creditors' committee. A creditor will be entitled to vote only if a written statement of claim is submitted to me at the above address by 12 noon on 22 May 1993 and if the claim is admitted for voting purposes. Any proxies that are intended to be used must be submitted to me before the meeting. A creditor whose claim is wholly secured is not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting.
Date 7 May 1993
R H Oldfield
Joint Administrative Receiver

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
VISION SCANNING LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 24th May 1993 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington FCA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 6th day of May 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
J.S. CASH, DIRECTOR.

The Insolvency Act 1986
CHECKRIGHT LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 30th April 1993.
Dated this 30th day of April 1993.
M.R. DORRINGTON, Liquidator.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
ACKETTS CONSTRUCTION LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 3.9 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of Acketts Construction Limited will be held at No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL on the 26th day of May 1993 at 11.30 am. The Receivers' report will be presented to the meeting and the opportunity given to elect a committee to represent the creditors.
A Creditor will be entitled to vote at the meeting only if details in writing of the debt claimed to be due to him by the company have been given to the administrative receivers at No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL no later than noon on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, and the claim has been admitted for voting purposes. Any proxies that are intended to be used must be submitted to me before the meeting. A creditor whose claim is wholly secured is not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting.
Date 7 May 1993
A V Lomas
Joint Administrative Receiver

The Insolvency Act 1986
J. KIMBERLEY (ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS) LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 4th May 1993.
Dated this 4th day of May 1993.
M.R. DORRINGTON, Liquidator.

The Insolvency Act 1986
CAPLIN GLASS LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 30th April 1993.
Dated this 30th day of April 1993.
M.R. DORRINGTON, Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICES

Upper Fellde Investments Plc
Registered Number: 2423065.
Nature of Business: Property Investment. Trade Classification: 08. Date of Appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers: 27 April 1993. Name of Person Appointing the Joint Administrative Receivers: Cameleden Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: S V Frakley & I P Phillips, (office holder nos: 2291 & 2636) of: Bachler Phillips & Co., 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF.

X-CELL CONTRACT FLOORING LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton and Appleby, 141 Great Charles Street, Birmingham B3 3LG on Monday 24 May 1993 at 11.30 am. for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2)(a) of the Act, Mr S Lord of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD and Mr J A McCann of Poppleton and Appleby, 141 Great Charles Street, Birmingham, B3 3LG are appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioners who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.
DATED this 6th day of May 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
Mr N J REECHAM, DIRECTOR.

PUBLIC NOTICES

David Christopher and Penelope Pearson
Would any of the above please contact Turner Kenneth Brown, solicitors of 100 Fetter Lane, London EC4A 1DD, tel no. 071 242 6006 (REF: CXT/6) who have information which may be to their benefit.

Elizabeth Currie Deceased
Would anyone with the knowledge of the whereabouts of James Currie the husband of the above lady late of 12a Victoria Road, Fishwood Preston who died on the 12th February 1993 or the whereabouts of any will the above lady may have made please contact Hardwicks Solicitors 10 St. Thomas's Road Chorley Lancashire. Tel: 0257 266211 Ref: PM

Cwmbran Swansea Bristol Exeter Plymouth Cardiff

Goldsmiths sales drive to follow profits rise

Goldsmiths Group, the leading player in the upmarket jewellery sector, is to build on a revival in confidence with a £630,000 advertising campaign — double the size of any forerunner.

The newspaper and magazine drive for names such as Rolex and Cartier will run for most of this year. It comes as the company, which went public three years ago, announced a return to profit in the year to February 28 of £48,000 before tax (£1.3 million loss). Earnings of 0.12p a share compare with losses of 6.09p last time. The final dividend is held at 0.3p.

Tractor jobs to go

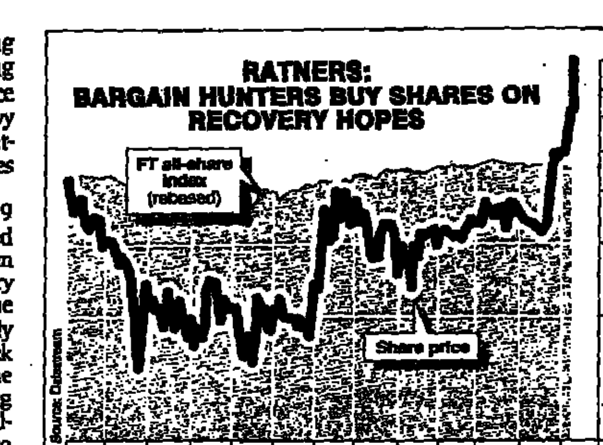
New Holland Ford, the tractor maker in which Fiat has a majority stake, is to cut 150 jobs by August because of a slump in European sales. The redundancies, which the company said will be voluntary, will affect the factory at Basildon in Essex, where 2,300 people are employed. The factory, which exports more than 80 per cent of its tractors and engines, cut 650 jobs 18 months ago. John Hellyer, area official of the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union, said: "We have yet to be convinced of the need for these redundancies."

Amgold pays out

Anglo American Gold Investment (Amgold) is paying an unchanged final dividend of 500 cents, making 1,025 cents (975 cents) for the year to end-March. Income from companies in which Amgold is invested rose, and there was an increased provision of 15 million rands (£3 million) against investments and loans. Net income rose R12 million to R247.6 million.

STOCK MARKET

Bargain-hunters take a shine to Ratners



RATNERS, the struggling jeweller, enjoyed a sparkling performance, with the price climbing 8p to 40p in heavy turnover as the bargain-hunters came out in force on hopes of a recovery in its fortunes.

By the close of business, 29 million shares had changed hands. But brokers have been quick to point out that recovery at Ratners still remains some way off. The group is heavily in debt and has seen its stock market value tumble in the past few years. It is still talking to its bankers about rescheduling debt and may have to contemplate a rights issue.

The City is awaiting full-year figures from the company for the year ended January last. These are expected to show Ratners remaining deeply in the red, with a pre-tax loss of £44 million and no prospect of a dividend payment. The resumption of payments to ordinary shareholders could be some way off.

Only last week, Ratners appointed Laurence Cooklin, former chief executive of Burton Group, as head of UK jewellery.

Dealers said the rush for Ratners shares might have been prompted by figures from Goldsmiths, its rival, 1p firmer at 46p, revealing pre-tax profits of £48,000 against £1.28 million last time.

But there was little cheer for Excalibur, the jewellery designer and maker, which fell 5p to 14½p after the breakdown of bid talks announced last month. Suter is thought to have been the potential bidder. Elsewhere, share prices started the new two-week account of a positive note, with the FT-SE 100 index ending, up 36.1 points, at 2,829.8, its best of the day. In spite of the latest political crisis for the government, investors were in an optimistic mood. Better than expected producer price figures and evidence that consumers are starting to borrow more provided further indications that the economic recovery is gathering pace. An opening rise of more than 30 points in the Dow Jones industrial average also cheered sentiment. But trading conditions remained thin, with turnover of less than 600 million shares. The futures market dictated much of the pace as a bear squeeze developed. Several big players are known to have gone short of the market in recent weeks and are now being squeezed.

Among leaders, ICI jumped 41p to £12.84, awaiting details of the proposed Zeneca demerger, expected tomorrow. Tomkins, the industrial conglomerate, firmed 12p to 235p after giving brokers a run-down of current trading. Greg Hutchings, the chairman, told them he was pleased with the progress being made at Ranks Hovis McDougall after its acquisition for £952 million.

Rationalisation had meant the loss of 1,500 jobs costing an estimated £90 million. Full-year figures are expected to be in line with market expectations of between £165 million and £180 million compared with £132 million last time. United Biscuits added a further 5p to 434p after the trade and industry department gave the go-ahead for the sale of its Terry's chocolates to Kraft General Foods in America. UB shares have been chased higher on bid hopes. Cadbury Schweppes, 1p firmer at 444p has been tipped as the most likely suitor.

Bid speculation pushed Hepworth, the building products group, higher, with a rise of 3p to 376p. Last week there was talk that the group could soon find itself the target of a bid from MB Caradon, which received £475 million earlier this year from the sale of its holding in CarnaudMetalbox. MB Caradon closed 2½p firmer at 299p.

Sketchley rose 5p to 97p after the company decided to hold the dividend in spite of seeing pre-tax profits virtually halved to £3.1 million.

WH Smith A shrugged off fears about a referral of the price of compact discs to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to end the day 19p better at 465p.

It was helped by the decision of Kleinwort Benson, the stockbroker, to lift its pre-tax profit forecast for the current year by £10 million to £110 million and for 1994 by £3 million to £123 million.

Many in the music industry believe record companies charge too much for CDs and that prices should be cut. Thorn EMI, one of the biggest suppliers of CDs, would suffer from any imposed price cuts. Thorn eased 4p to 831p.

MICHAEL CLARK

Tate & Lyle shares were 3p lower at 382p after going ex-dividend. Bikuben Securities, the stockbroker, said the shares had fallen 6 per cent in the past week and should be bought long term. The move into the Mexican soft drinks market could overcome the fructose oversupply problems in America.

BP heads group to develop N Sea finds

BY A CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Petroleum confirmed it was drawing up plans to develop a group of oil and gas discoveries in the UK North Sea. The cluster of four major fields and five small adjacent ones are in the Eastern Trough area, about 160 miles north-east of Aberdeen. They are estimated to contain reserves of 650 million barrels of oil and gas equivalent, including 1.2 trillion cubic feet of gas.

BP said its plans had been given impetus by tax changes announced in the Budget. Partners in the project, the cost of which, it is estimated, will be more than £1 billion, comprise Royal Dutch/Shell, Esso, Agip, Hamilton Oil, Murphy Oil, Lasmo, Petrofina and Monument Oil and Gas. BP said the decision to go ahead followed a £1.4 million feasibility study it had carried out on behalf of the partners.

The four main fields involved are Marnock, Mungo and Machar, all operated by BP, and Heron, operated by Shell. The adjacent smaller discoveries include the BP-operated Monan and Medan fields. Chris Gibson-Smith, BP Exploration's chief executive for Europe, said the study had established the feasibility of a single processing and export platform on the Marnock field. The other fields will be operated as satellites, either through small, unmanned process platforms or subsea developments.

Mr Gibson-Smith said: "We are also looking at a number of other projects where the tax changes will encourage development through a mix of enhanced field economics and improved cash flow."

WALL STREET

Dow rallies in early trade

New York — Blue chips resumed their rally in early trading, in what analysts described as a selective and difficult market. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 24.91 points to 3,462.1. Advancing issues led declining shares by 11 to seven. Alan Ackerman, executive vice-president of Reich & Co, said: "The market does not give the impression of being in the midst of a rip-roaring rally, but it gives one the feeling that if Treasury refunding is successful we could see some short-term highs on the Dow."

☐ Tokyo — Shares are expected to extend their recent gains in the medium term on an underlying bullish sentiment that ignores negative fundamentals. The Nikkei average rose 243.35 points, or 1.17 per cent, to 21,054.71, its highest close since March 4, 1992. It has gained 24.73 per cent since March 1, 1993. (Reuter)

	May 10 midday	May 7 close
AMP Inc	63	63
AMR Corp	68	67
Abbott Labs	27	27
Aetna Life	53	52
Ahmanson (HF)	17	17
Air Prod & Chem	43	43
Albertson's	56	56
Alcan Alumin	18	18
Alco Standard	46	47
Allied Signal	63	62
Alum Co of Am	63	63
Amax	16	16
Amerada Hess	52	53
Amer Brands	32	32
Amer Cyanamid	52	52
Amer El Power	36	35
Amer Express	27	27
Amer Genl Corp	28	27
Amer Home Pr	66	66
Amer Intl	129	128
Amer Stores	42	43
Amer T & T	59	58
Ameritech	75	74
Amoco	55	54
Anheuser-Busch	50	49
Apple Computer	55	54
Archer Daniels	24	23
Arkla	10	10
Armco	6	6
Armstrng Wrld	31	31
Asarco	17	18
Ashland Oil	25	25
Atl Richfield	122	124
Auto Data Pro	49	49
Avery Dennison	30	30
Avon Products	56	54
Baker Hughes	27	27
Baltim Gas & El	25	25
Banc One	53	53
BankAmerica	46	48
Bank of NY	52	52
Bankers Tr NY	70	69
Barnett Banks	43	42
Bausch & Lomb	52	52
Baxter Intl	29	29
Becm Dickinson	37	36
Bell Atlantic	52	52
BellSouth	52	51
Black & Decker	19	18
Block (H&R)	33	33
Boeing	38	38
Boise Cascade	25	25
Borden Inc	20	21
Bristol Myrs Sq	60	60
Browning Ferris	26	25
Burlington Nthn	55	54
CBS	237	240
CNA Financial	96	98
CPC Intl	44	45
CSX	73	73
Campbell Soup	40	40
Can Pacific	15	15
Cptl Cities ABC	531	529
Cptl Holdings	38	39
Carolina Pwr	33	33
Caterpillar	69	67
Central & SW	32	32
Champion Intl	32	33
Chase Manhat	30	29
Chemical Bk	38	37
Chevron Corp	86	86
Chrysler	43	42
Chubb Corp	91	91
Cigna Corp	60	60
Citicorp	27	27
Clorox	48	48
Coastal Corp	26	26
Coca Cola	39	38
Colgate-Palmolive	60	60
Columbia Gas	22	22
Cmnwlth Ed	27	28
Compaq Comp	50	50
Comp Ass Intl	26	26
Conagra	25	24
Cons Edison	36	35
Cons Nat Gas	51	52
Cons Rail	52	52
Cooper Inds	47	46
Corning Inc	35	35
Crown Cork	38	38
Dana Corp	50	50
Dayton Hudson	70	69
Deere	57	56
Delta Air Lines	57	57
Deluxe Corp	46	45
Detroit Edison	35	35
Digital Equip	46	45
Dillard Dept St	40	40
Disney (Walt)	39	38
Dominion Res	44	44
Donnelley (RR)	27	27
Dover Corp	47	47
Dow Chemicals	54	54
Dow Jones	31	30
Dresser	20	20
Duke Power	39	39
Dun & Bradstreet	59	59
Du Pont	51	51
Eastman Kodak	50	49
Eaton Corp	90	89
Emerson Elec	59	58
Engelhard Corp	32	32
Enron Corp	58	59
Ensearch Corp	34	34
Ethyl Corp	28	28
Exxon	64	64
FMC Corp	44	44
FPL Group	38	38
Federal Express	48	48
Fed Nat Mtge	78	77
First Chicago	38	38
First Interstate	53	53
First Union Rlty	11	11
Fleet Finl Grp	30	30
Fluor Corp	39	38
Ford Motor	55	55
GTE Corp	35	35
Gannett	52	52
Gap Inc Del	33	33
Gen Cinema	35	35
Gen Dynamics	95	95
Gen Electric	94	94
Gen Mills	67	67
Gen Motors	41	40
Gen Reinsurance	116	116
Gen Signal	62	62
Genuine Parts	36	36
Georgia Pac	63	63
Gillette	52	51
Glaxo ADR	18	18
Goodrich (BF)	45	45
Goodyear Tire	38	36
Grace (WR)	39	39
Grt Atl Pac Tea	29	28
Great West Fin	16	16
Halliburton	38	38
Heinz (HJ)	38	38
Hercules	74	77
Hershey Foods	53	53
Hewlett Packard	79	79
Hilton Hotels	44	44
Home Depot	44	44
Homestake Mng	15	15
Honeywell	34	34
Household Intl	67	68
Houston Inds	45	46
Humana	9	9
ITT Corp	83	83
Illinois Tool	70	70
INCO	22	22
Ingersoll Rand	33	32
Inland Steel	23	23
Intel Corp	102	102
IBM	48	48
Intl Flav & Fr	115	114
Intl Paper	65	65
James River Va	20	20
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	44	43
K Mart	23	23
Kellogg	58	59
Kerr-McGee	52	52
Kimberly-Clark	48	48
Knight-Ridder	57	56
Lilly (Eli)	51	51
Limited Inc	23	22
LIN Brdcstng	87	88
Lincoln Nat	79	79
Litton	61	60
Liz Claiborne	36	35
Lockheed Corp	64	64
Louisiana Pac	62	63
MCI Commun	49	48
Marriott	25	24
Marsh & McLen	91	93
Masco Corp	32	32
May Dept St	75	74
Maytag Corp	14	14
McCaw Cellular	40	40
McDonalds	49	49
McDonnell D	63	63
McGraw Hill	59	58
Mead Corp	45	45
Medtronic	69	67
Mellon Bk	55	55
Melville Corp	45	45
Merck Inc	37	37
Merrill Lynch	71	70
Minnesota Mine	115	114
Mobil Corp	69	70
Monsanto	53	53
Morgan (JP)	67	66
Motorola Inc	77	76
Natl Medical	8	8
Natl Semi	14	14
Natl Service Ind	26	26
Navistar Intl	2	2
NBD Bancorp	31	31
NY Times A	28	28
Newmont Mng	48	49
Niag Mohawk	22	22
Nike B	72	70
NL Industries	4	4
Nordstrom	30	31
Norfolk Sthrn	61	61
Nthn State Pwr	46	46
Norwest Corp	50	50
Nynex Corp	83	83
Occidental Pet	22	22
Ohio Edison	24	24
Oracle Systems	39	39
Oryx Energy Co	22	22
Owens Corning	39	39
PNC Financial	31	31
PPG Industries	72	74
Paccar Inc	58	58
Pacificorp	18	19
Pac Enterprises	23	23
Pac Gas & Elec	32	32
Pac Telesis	46	45
Pall Corp	19	19
Panhandle East	21	21
Paramnt Comm	51	50
Parker Hannifin	30	30
Penney (JC)	44	43
Pennzoil	64	63
Pepsico	37	36
Pfizer	69	69
Phelps Dodge	42	42
Philadel Elec	29	29
Philip Morris	51	51
Phillips Pet	29	28
Pitney Bowes	41	41
Polaroid	35	34
Price Co	28	28
Primerica	45	44
Procter & Gmbl	49	49
Pub Serv E & G	34	34
Quaker Oats	69	68
Ralston Purina	49	49
Raychem Corp	42	41
Raytheon	57	57
Reebok Intl	38	37
Reynolds Metals	43	43
Roadway Svcs	58	58
Rockwell Intl	33	33
Rohm & Haas	55	55
Royal Dutch	90	89
Rubbermaid	31	31
Safeco Corp	57	57
St Paul's Cos	81	81
Salomon Inc	36	36
Santa Fe S Pac	16	15
Sara Lee Corp	25	25
Scecorp	48	48
Schering Plough	66	65
Schlumberger	63	62
Scott Paper	35	35
Seagram	30	29
Sears Roebuck	53	53
Shell Trans	53	54
Sherwin Wllms	32	32
Skyline Corp	18	18
Snap-On-Tools	35	35
Southern Co	41	41
Sthwestern Bell	75	74
Sprint Corp	31	31
Stanley Works	46	45
Sun Company	34	34
Suntrust	44	44
Supervalu	32	32
Syntex Corp	19	19
Sysco Corp	25	25
TRW Inc	62	62
Tandem Comp	11	11
Tandy Corp	30	30
Telecom Corp	2	2
Teledyne	18	18
Temple Inland	43	44
Tenneco	48	47
Texaco	63	60
Texas Inst	63	62
Texas Utilities	47	47
Textron	48	48
Time Warner	33	32
Times-Mirror	32	31
Timken	31	30
Torchmark	56	55
Toys R Us	37	37
Transamerica	48	47
Travelers Corp	27	27
Tribune	55	54
Tyco Labs	42	42
UAL Corp	137	135
UST Inc	30	30
USX Marathon	18	19
Unilever NV	113	112
Union Camp	45	46
Union Carbide	19	19
Union Pacific	62	62
Unisys Corp	12	12
USAir Group	21	21
USF&G Corp	17	17
US Life	37	37
US West	41	41
United Tech	51	51
Unocal Corp	30	31
Upjohn	30	30
VF Corp	47	47
Wal-Mart Stores	26	26
Warner-Lambert	74	73
Waste Mgmnt Inc	32	32
Wells Fargo	105	105
Westinghouse El	16	15
Weyerhaeuser	43	43
Whirlpool	55	54
Whitman	13	13
Winn Dixie	56	56
Woolworth	29	29
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	33	32
Xerox	74	74

BRITISH FUNDS

GOVERNMENT securities suffered another lacklustre performance, with brokers complaining that the market appears to lack direction.

The short-term outlook also appears dull, with the Bank of England expected to announce on Friday the next gilt auction. Available funds are also likely to be absorbed in the next few weeks by calls on existing issues of £3 billion.

The pound's weakness agains the mark made little impact, with the June series of the long gilt future easing three ticks to £103⅞ in trading that saw only 27,000 contracts completed.

In the cash market, the Bank was able to release remaining supplies of the two taplets issued on Friday: £350 million to Treasury 8 per cent 2003 and £250 million of Treasury 2017. Index-linked issues made losses of £¼ across the board.

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
103	101	Treas 12% 1993	101	...	12.35	3.72
100	99	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	6.00	5.78
109	104	Treas 13% 1993	104	-	13.20	5.69
102	101	Treas 8% 1994	101	...	8.34	5.75
109	106	Treas 14% 1994	106	...	13.58	5.77
109	107	Exch 13% 1994	107	...	12.61	5.77
105	104	Treas 10% 1994	104	+	9.60	5.89
110	107	Exch 12% 1994	107	+	11.59	6.05
105	103	Treas 9% 1994	104	+	8.65	6.10
111	108	Treas 12% 1995	109	+	10.99	6.24
96	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	95	...	3.13	5.36
109	107	Exch 10% 1995	107	+	9.51	6.39
116	113	Treas 12% 1995	114	+	11.17	6.55
120	117	Treas 14% 1996	117	+	11.91	6.79
125	121	Treas 15% 1996	122	+	12.49	6.92
120	116	Exch 13% 1996	116	+	11.33	6.92
111	108	Conv 10% 1996	109	+	9.14	6.93
122	118	Treas 13% 1997	119	+	11.10	7.18
113	110	Exch 10% 1997	111	+	9.46	7.12
108	105	Treas 8% 1997	106	+	8.25	7.11
132	128	Exch 15% 1997	128	+	11.68	7.40
112	109	Exch 9% 1998	109	+	8.89	7.30
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
103	99	Treas 7% 1998	100	+	7.20	7.10
101	97	Treas 6% 1995-98	98	+	6.84	7.05
138	133	Treas 15% 1998	134	+	11.55	7.65
122	118	Exch 12% 1998	118	+	10.09	7.73
112	108	Treas 9% 1999	108	+	8.73	7.56
124	120	Exch 12% 1999	120	+	10.16	7.82
117	112	Treas 10% 1999	113	+	9.26	7.69
117	112	Conv 10% 1999	112	+	9.09	7.72
110	106	Conv 9% 2000	107	+	8.41	7.66
131	125	Treas 13% 2000	126	+	10.29	8.09
115	109	Treas 10% 2001	111	+	8.97	8.00
129	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	125	+	11.15	7.77
114	108	Treas 9% 2002	110	+	8.83	8.13
103	97	Treas 8% 2003	99	+	8.04	8.07
116	109	Treas 10% 2003	111	+	8.93	8.26
122	116	Treas 11% 2001-04	118	+	9.71	8.27
74	67	Fund 3% 1999-04	70	+	5.00	7.51
112	105	Conv 9% 2004	108	+	8.77	8.36
112	105	Conv 9% 2005	108	+	8.77	8.38
131	124	Treas 12% 2003-05	126	+	9.86	8.59
101	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	97	-	8.17	8.30
125	118	Treas 11% 2003-07	120	+	9.73	8.55
104	97	Treas 8% 2007	100	+	8.45	8.44
139	131	Treas 13% 2004-08	134	+	10.07	8.60
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
108	101	Treas 9% 2008	104	+	8.60	8.45
99	92	Treas 8% 2009	96	+	8.33	8.49
108	100	Conv 9% 2011	104	+	8.64	8.54
108	100	Treas 9% 2012	104	+	8.64	8.55
76	70	Treas 5% 2008-12	73	+	7.47	8.25
97	89	Treas 7% 2012-15	92	+	8.37	8.50
135	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	130	+	9.19	8.76
105	97	Treas 8% 2017	101	+	8.62	8.60
		UNDATED				
48	43	Consols 4%	46	+	8.63	...
42	38	War Ln 3%	40	+	8.63	...
63	60	Conv 3%	62	...	5.63	...
31	28	Consols 2%	29	-	8.35	...
30	27	Treas 2%	28	+	8.68	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
133	131	Treas IL 2% 1994	133	+	...	1.17
197	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	195	-	1.97	2.72
109	105	Treas IL 4% 1998	107	+	2.46	3.03
166	159	Treas IL 2% 2001	164	-	2.88	3.22
163	155	Treas IL 2% 2003	160	-	3.00	3.28
111	105	Treas IL 4% 2004	109	-	3.14	3.41
170	159	Treas IL 2% 2006	167	-	3.13	3.34
154	144	Treas IL 2% 2009	150	...	3.33	3.52
159	148	Treas IL 2% 2011	155	-	3.40	3.58
131	122	Treas IL 2% 2013	127	-	3.47	3.61
139	130	Treas IL 2% 2016	135	-	3.54	3.69
133	124	Treas IL 2% 2020	129	-	3.59	3.72
111	102	Treas IL 2% 2024	107	-	3.62	3.74
111	103	Treas IL 4% 2030	107	-	3.64	3.76

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

DONELON TYSON (Fin)
Pre-tax: £1.56m (£3.06m)
EPS: 2.4p (4.6p)
Div: 1.2p (1.2p)
Turnover fell to £63.5m from £80.9m and operating profits to £2.1m from £4.1m. Gearing was 81 per cent at year-end.

PARKLAND TEXTILE (Fin)
Pre-tax: £519,000 loss
LPS: 8p loss (19.9p loss)
Div: 1p, mkg 2p (2p)
Loss last year £2.17m. Company returned to profit at operating level but loss incurred after interest and exceptional charge.

PEX GROUP (Fin)
Pre-tax: £908,000 loss
EPS: 3.66p loss
Div: Nil (nil)
Profit in previous year was £1.44m with earnings of 7.5p. Loss struck after exceptional charge of £790,000.

SELECT APPS. (Fin)
Pre-tax: £2.28m loss
EPS: 1.06p loss
Div: Nil (nil)
There was a loss of £1.8m in previous year, with a loss per share of 1.8p. Some improvement in temporary business.

RECENT ISSUES

Bruntcliffe Aggregates (25)	32	+1
David Brown (70)	225	+9
Fleming Emg Mkts (100)	105	...
Gaelic Resources Wrts	1	...
Hambros Ins Serv (138)	147	...
Holliday Chemical (195)	214	...
Oriental Smllr Co's Wts	40	...
Pilkington Warrants	36	+
Qlty Software Prods (380)	482	...
Regent Inns (135)	152	+1
Stagecoach (112)	122	...
Westminster Hlthcr (260)	286	+2
RIGHTS ISSUES		
AAF n/p (175)	20	-1
Atlas Cnvrtg Eqp n/p (550)	106	-5
Avesco n/p (63)	19	+1

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
SG Warburg .... 667p (+15p)
Whitbread 'A' .... 506p (+11p)
ICI .... 1284p (+41p)
WH Smith 'A' .... 465p (+19p)
Cable Wireless .... 701p (+11p)
J Sainsbury .... 468p (+12p)
ASW .... 233p (+16p)
Airsprung .... 475p (+12p)
Glaxo .... 613p (+19½p)
Hepworth .... 384p (+11p)
FALLS:
SKF 'B' .... 787½p (-12½p)
Graseby .... 165p (-9p)

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FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	5,900	Carlton Cms	460	Land Secs	740	Scot Hydro	641
Abbey Natl	3,500	Coats Viyella	562	Legal & Gn	968	Scot & New	947
Alld-Lyons	2,400	Cm Union	513	Lloyds Bk	2,300	Scot Power	3,200
Anglian W	1,000	Courtaulds	427	MB Cardn	1,000	Sears	3,500
Argyll Gp	2,800	De La Rue	235	Marks Spr	3,100	Svrn Trent	805
Arjo Wiggn	2,500	Eng China C	202	NFC	437	Shell Trans	4,600
AB Foods	306	Enterpr Oil	680	NatWst Bk	3,000	Siebe	113
BAA	825	Fisons	3,800	Nat Power	1,000	SmKl Bch*	3,300
BAT Inds	4,700	Forte	1,900	Nth Wst W	1,600	Smith Nph	3,000
BOC	633	GRE	3,000	Nthrn Fds	1,400	Sthrn Elec	137
BP	6,100	GUS A	106	P & O	1,000	Std Chartd	794
BT	5,800	Gen Acc	1,300	Pearson	364	Sun Allnce	1,400
BTR	4,600	Gen Elec	2,700	PowerGen	1,100	TI Gp	1,600
Bk of Scot	1,000	Glaxo	3,900	Prudential	8,100	TSB	1,700
Barclays	1,600	Granada	1,500	RTZ	1,500	Tate & Lyle	1,600
Bass	1,400	Grand Met	3,100	Rank Org	917	Tesco	7,000
Blue Circle	3,000	Guinness	517	Reckitt Col	144	Thames W	604
Boots	3,000	HSBC	1,100	Redland	3,400	Thrn EMI	604
Bowater	2,100	Hanson	5,000	Reed Intl	996	Tomkins	10,000
Brit Airwys	4,900	ICI	1,300	Rentokil	643	Unilever	2,000
Brit Gas	6,200	Inchcape	757	Reuters	1,000	Utd Bisc	1,900
Brit Steel	3,300	Kingfisher	873	Rothmans	1,000	Vodafone	6,800
Burmah Cast	354	Kwik Save	910	Ryl Ins	2,400	Wellcome	2,100
Cable Wire	703	LASMO	3,600	Ryl Bk Scot	3,100	Whitbd 'A'	1,300
Cadbury	4,200	Ladbroke	2,500	Sainsbury	5,500	Wlms Hld	1,200

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3460.17 (+22.98)
S&P Composite .... 444.27 (+1.96)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 21054.71 (+243.35)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 6739.23 (-59.11)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 108.3 (-0.4)

Sydney: AO .... 1672.0 (-13.4)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 1609.03 (-2.89)

FT 30 share: .... 2218.0 (+28.5)

Brussels:
General .... 6010.66 (-6.55)

Paris: CAC .... 511.90 (-8.86)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 485.4 (+0.8)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1394.42 (+14.97)
FT 500 .... 1525.19 (+16.57)
FT Gold Mines .... 153.8 (+2.8)
FT Fixed Interest .... 110.95 (+0.04)
FT Govt Secs .... 94.86 (+0.07)
Bargains 29940
SEAQ Volume 587.5m
USM (Datastrm) .... 135.81 (+1.51)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
April 26	May 7	July 29	August 9

Call options were taken out on 10/5/93: Arcon, Avesco, Babcock, Caldwell, Cannon Street Inv, Comac, Enterprise Comp, FNFC, Intrum Justitia, Lonrho, Lynx, Lucas Wts, Maddox, Ossory Estates, Pittencrieff, Proteus, Rothmans.
Put & Call: Pittencrieff.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Jun 93	2801.0	2843.0	2797.0	2839.0	11181
Previous open interest: 49173	Sep 93	2826.0	2862.0	2825.0	2862.0	1524
Three Month Sterling	Jun 93	94.08	94.08	94.03	94.05	14026
Previous open interest: 303718	Sep 93	94.09	94.15	94.04	94.14	25553
	Dec 93	93.99	94.08	93.96	94.07	11058
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 93	96.82	96.84	96.82	96.83	1011
Previous open interest: 17477	Sep 93	96.73	96.74	96.73	96.74	151
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 93	92.81	92.84	92.78	92.82	17270
Previous open interest: 549078	Sep 93	93.64	93.66	93.59	93.63	18891
US Treasury Bond	Jun 93				111-21	0
Previous open interest: 1	Sep 93				110-12	0
Long Gilt	Jun 93	103-31	104-04	103-22	103-28	28138
Previous open interest: 75283	Sep 93	103-06	103-06	103-06	103-01	4
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 93	108.00	108.03	107.60	107.60	1802
	Sep 93	107.27	107.28	106.90	106.85	242
German Govmt Bond	Jun 93	94.70	94.81	94.51	94.62	43913
Previous open interest: 166427	Sep 93	94.90	94.91	94.78	94.84	1459
Three month ECU	Jun 93	92.05	92.05	91.99	92.03	1254
Previous open interest: 22974	Sep 93	92.83	92.83	92.78	92.81	726
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 93	95.22	95.23	95.17	95.18	2325
Previous open interest: 35896	Sep 93	95.67	95.69	95.66	95.66	1089
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 93	97.80	97.86	97.38	97.52	10718
Previous open interest: 44697	Sep 93	97.60	97.64	97.40	97.35	68

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 79.9 (day's range 79.9-80.3).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for May 10	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7644-2.7780	2.7644-2.7678	⅜-¼ds	⅞-1¼ds
Brussels	50.63-50.91	50.63-50.74	4-8ds	14-21ds
Copenhagen	9.4950-9.5570	9.5220-9.5440	2⅞-4¼ds	8-9¾ds
Dublin	1.0020-1.0045	1.0022-1.0040	19-25ds	49-59ds
Frankfurt	2.4613-2.4758	2.4613-2.4645	⅜-1ds	⅞-1¼ds
Lisbon	228.88-229.86	228.94-229.26	225-429ds	429-644ds
Madrid	180.45-181.16	180.45-180.73	158-176ds	399-426ds
Milan	2262.70-2278.70	2274.10-2278.70	9-12ds	27-29ds
Montreal	1.9462-1.9808	1.9462-1.9483	0.21-0.09pr	0.35-0.20pr
New York	1.5345-1.5615	1.5345-1.5355	0.40-0.38pr	1.07-1.05pr
Oslo	10.4120-10.4590	10.4130-10.4360	1½-2⅜ds	2¾-4⅛ds
Paris	8.3010-8.3730	8.3590-8.3730	1½-1⅞ds	3⅞-4ds
Stockholm	11.3240-11.4110	11.3240-11.3480	2⅞-4¼ds	7⅞-9¼ds
Tokyo	171.48-172.32	171.48-171.67	⅛-⅛pr	1⅛-1⅛pr
Vienna	17.29-17.40	17.29-17.34	1⅜-2¼ds	4⅞-6⅛ds
Zurich	2.2245-2.2319	2.2288-2.2319	⅛pr-par	⅜-⅛ds

Source: Extel. Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5464-1.5490
Australia dollar	2.2040-2.2070
Bahrain dinar	0.582-0.594
Brazil cruzeiro*	53818.4-53818.8
Cyprus pound	0.728-0.738
Finland markka	8.3945-8.5105
Greece drachma	332.5-339.5
Hong Kong dollar	11.9745-11.9800
India rupee	48.41-49.37
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4635-0.4735
Malaysia ringgit	3.9760-3.9788
Mexico peso	4.84-4.94
New Zealand dollar	2.8413-2.8468
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.7845-5.9105
Singapore dollar	2.4980-2.5012
S Africa rand (fin)	7.1001-7.1511
S Africa rand (com)	4.8975-4.9023
U A E dirham	5.6655-5.7895

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DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4228-1.4238
Austria	11.19-11.20
Belgium (Com)	32.74-32.76
Canada	1.2679-1.2684
Denmark	6.1495-6.1525
France	5.3645-5.3665
Germany	1.5920-1.5925
Hong Kong	7.7295-7.7305
Ireland	1.5262-1.5272
Italy	1465.0-1466.0
Japan	111.08-111.18
Malaysia	2.5660-2.5670
Netherlands	1.7863-1.7873
Norway	6.7312-6.7342
Portugal	147.78-147.88
Singapore	1.6132-1.6142
Spain	116.85-116.95
Sweden	7.3352-7.3402
Switzerland	1.4354-1.4359

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6½ Low 5½ Week fixed: 5⅞
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5¼; 3 mth 5⅛. Sell: 2 mth 5⅛; 3 mth: 5⅛.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5-5	5-5	5-5	5-5	
Sterling Money Rates:	5-5	5-5	5-5	6-5	6-6
Interbank:	5-5	5-5	5-5	6-5	6-6
Overnight: open 5¼, close 6					
Local Authority Deps:	5	n/a	5	5	6
Sterling CDs:	5-5	5-5	5-5	5-5	6-6
Dollar CDs:	3.03-3.00	n/a	3.05-3.02	3.12-3.09	3.32-3.29
Building Society CDs:	5-5	5-5	5-5	6-5	6-6

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: April 30, 1993. Agreed rates May 26, 1993 to June 22, 1993, Schemes II & III: 7.36%. Reference rate April 1, 1993 to April 30, 1993, Scheme IV & V: 6.018%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3-2	3-2	3-2	3-3	3-2
Deutschemark:	7-7	7-7	7-7	7-7	8-7
French Franc:	8-8	8-8	8-8	7-7	8-7
Swiss Franc:	5-5	5-5	5-5	4-4	5-4
Yen:	3-3	3-3	3-3	3-3	3-2

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $355.70-356.10 Close: $356.60-357.10 High: $357.20-357.80 Low: $354.20-354.70 Krugerrand: $356.00-358.00 (£231.00-233.00)
Sovereigns: Old $84.00-86.00 (£53.50-55.50) New $84.00-86.00 (£53.50-55.50)
Platinum: $381.40 (£245.35) Silver: $4.29 (£2.79) Palladium: $1.. (£7...)

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Lyon	550	24	37	46	28	36	45
(*561)	600	8	18	27	69	72	77
ASDA	67	8	10	-	5	7½	-
(*69)	76	4	6	-	11	14	-
Bass	500	41	55	65	10	18	29
(*539½)	550	17	27	35	34	45	55
Boots	420	34	44	48	15	19	26
(*438)	460	13	23	31	33	38	46
Br Airways	280	25	33	38	12	16	21
(*294½)	300	14	23	28	20	26	31
BP	300	20½	27	33	10½	15½	20
(*310½)	330	8	13½	19	28	33	37
Br Steel	90	10½	15	17½	5½	8	10
(*95)	100	6	10	13	10	13	15½
C & W	650	61	73	83	15	24	30
(*701)	700	30	44	54	36	47	51
CU	580	30	38	-	21	32	-
(*581½)	629	11	18	-	51	64	-
Courtauld	550	23	35	46	30	38	45
(*556)	600	7	18	26	67	72	75
GKN	420	47	52	-	6	14	-
(*456½)	460	20	27	-	21	32	-
ICI	1200	101	120	135	26	47	61
(*1279½)	1250	67	90	105	45	70	87
Kingfishr	584	27	40	-	31	38	-
(*595)	632	10	22	-	65	70	-
Land Sec	500	35	41	45	11	14	21
(*540)	550	6	16	21	43	44	49
M & S	330	22	30	36	11	15	19
(*347)	360	8	17	23	29	31	35
Sainsbury	420	45	53	60	6	14	20
(*467½)	460	18	32	40	27	32	38
Shell	550	33	42	49	11	21	24
(*571)	600	10	18	26	40	50	53
Smkl Bch	460	40	54	63	18	28	30
(*484½)	500	21	34	45	38	50	57
Storehse	200	21	30	32	11	15	20
(*211½)	220	11	17	24	21	25	30
Trafalgar	83	10	15	-	5	6	-
(*91)	92	6½	10½	-	9	10½	-
Unilever	1050	64	90	105	14	29	33
(*1095)	1100	37	60	75	36	50	62

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Feb	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Feb
Grnd Met	420	29	37	40	17	24	32
(*431½)	460	10	20	29	43	49	57
Ladbroke	140	28	32	35	4	8½	12
(*160)	160	14	21	25	12	18	21
Utd Bisc	420	40	48	55	19	29	34
(*433½)	460	21	31	38	43	52	57

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
BAA	700	43	52	66	1	18	26
(*745)	750	7	24	44	18	40	51
BAT Ind	850	32	65	79	6	25	46
(*879½)	900	7	38	53	29	50	74
BTR	500	89	97	102	1	2	6
(*599)	550	40	51	60	1	7½	17
Br Aero	300	22	43	55	3	21	33
(*326)	330	5	30	41	17	38	51
Br Telcm	390	16	26	33	3	15	19
(*404½)	420	2	11	18	19	32	36
Cadbury	420	26	39	50	1½	10	17
(*443)	460	3	18	29	20	29	37
Guinness	460	19	37	49	5	14	26
(*477½)	500	2½	19	29	30	38	47
GEC	300	15	23	27	1½	11	14
(*314½)	330	1	7½	12½	19	28	31
Hanson	220	15	19	24	1½	5½	10
(*235½)	240	2	8½	13½	8	15	20
LASMO	140	9½	19	25	2	10	15
(*145½)	160	2	10½	18	16½	23	27
Lucas	140	6	17	21	3	9	18
(*143)	160	2	8	12	18	23	27
P & O	550	14	38	48	8	25	45
(*559½)	600	2	16	28	47	57	77
Pilkingtn	130	5	11	16	4	10½	15
(*133)	140	2	7	10½	10½	17	21
Prudential	300	19	29	34	1½	7	13
(*317½)	330	2	13	19	15	21	29
RTZ	600	21	42	60	6	20	33
(*614½)	650	2	20	36	40	48	61
Scot New	460	11	26	34	5	24	32
(*471)	500	2	10	18	37	52	59
Tesco	180	42	46	50	1	2	4
(*220½)	200	22	29	37	1½	5	9½
Thames W	500	9	21	30	6	27	34
(*504)	550	1½	5½	11½	49	65	67
Vodafone	390	26	37	50	2½	13	20
(*414)	420	5½	21	35	13	28	35

FT-SE INDEX (*2828½)

	2650	2700	2750	2800	2850	2900
Calls						
May	166	119	75	36	11	4½
Jun	178	135	95	62	38	22
Jul	196	155	120	85	63	42
Aug	213	178	141	107	84	63
Dec	-	244	-	183	-	125
Puts						
May	2	3	9½	23	49	93
Jun	11	16	29	46	72	107
Jul	20	31	44	61	88	119
Aug	30	45	57	80	104	132
Dec	-	83	-	119	-	170

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Abby Nat	390	24	35	46	7	17	24
(*410)	420	7	19	31	23	33	39
Amstrad	30	4½	6	8	2	3½	4
(*32½)	35	2	4	6	4½	6	7
Barclays	420	18	32	41	12	24	30
(*424)	460	4½	15	25	40	49	55
Blue Circ	240	18	28	34	7	15	22
(*251½)	260	7½	18	25	18	25	32
Br Gas	280	19	27	31	3½	7	14
(*296)	300	7	15	19	12	17	21
	330	1½	5½	9	37	38	45
Dixons	200	20	26	34	6	15	17
(*212½)	220	9½	18	24	15	26	30
Eurotunl	390	36	54	69	14	28	38
(*410)	420	20	39	54	32	44	53
Forte	180	19	27	32	5½	10	13
(*193½)	200	6	15	22	14	19	24
Glaxo	550	59	83	94	8	24	38
(*611)	600	28	56	67	27	46	67
	650	10	34	47	62	77	98
HSBC	550	42	65	76	13	29	40
(*583)	600	16	40	53	36	55	67
Hillsdwn	140	21	27	31	2½	6½	10
(*158½)	160	7½	15	18	10	15	15
Lonrho	100	10	15	19½	4	9	12
(*107)	110	5½	11	14½	7	14½	17½
Reuter	1250	53	90	128	31	62	77
(*1273½)	1300	28	69	102	60	87	110
R-Royce	130	11½	15	21	5½	9½	13½
(*134)	140	5½	12½	16	10½	15	19
Sears	100	6	10½	14	4	6½	9
(*102½)	110	2½	6½	8½	10½	13	16
Thm Emi	800	46	60	72	10	30	40
(*831)	850	16	33	48	32	60	70
TSB	160	19	24	27	2½	7½	11
(*175½)	180	6½	13	17	11	17	21
Vaal Reefs	50	11½	13	14	2½	4½	6½
(*$59)	60	6	7½	10	6½	9	11
Wellcome	700	72	97	112	15	34	45
(*764½)	750	39	66	85	31	51	66

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Dec	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Dec
Fisons	160	22	32	36	8	14	18
(*173½)	180	12½	22	26	19	25	30

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
Eastrn Elc	460	8	22	29	7	29	35
(*461½)	500	1	7½	15	42	58	62

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Natl Pwr	300	32	41	49	2½	7½	11
(*330)	330	11	21	31	12	19	23
Scot Pwr	290	23	26	30	3	9½	13
(*309½)	310	10	14	19	9	18	22

May 10, 1993 Tot: 28527 Calls: 17662 Puts: 10865 FT-SE Calls: 5538 Puts: 3147
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: The grains suffered from long liquidation in what was seen as a largely technical move. There has been some sporadic selling as we approach the end of the season, and that has forced some merchants to off-load bullish positions. Coffee, cocoa and sugar were all very quiet in the absence of any new fundamental direction, with the fall of sterling against the dollar providing the only interest.

LONDON FOX
COCOA
May .... 665-661 Jul 770-768
Jul .... 686-684 Sep 785-780
Sep .... 700-698 Dec 810-804
Dec .... 719-718 Mar 830-828
Mar 740-739
May .... 755-753 Volume: 2727

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)
May .... 865-862 Jan 897-895
Jul .... 875-871 Mar .... 904 SLR
Sep .... 878-875 May 923-900
Nov .... 890-885 Volume: 1149

RAW SUGAR (FOB)
C Czarnikow Dec .... unq
Spot: unq Mar .... -
May .... unq May .... -
Aug .... - Aug .... -
Oct .... - Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)
Reuters Mar 292.0-90.7
Spot: 295.0 May 294.9-92.7
Aug .... 302.5-01.5 Aug 299.4-95.7
Oct .... 293.5-93.2 Oct 292.6-86.7
Dec .... 292.5-91.2 Volume: 212

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 10

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	90.65	133.42	138.70
(+/-)	+1.27	-3.05	-0.68
Eng/Wales:	90.54	133.72	138.26
(+/-)	-1.33	-3.07	-0.80
(%)	-54.9	+0.3	+10.4
Scotland:	93.83	126.93	141.81
(+/-)	-1.62	-2.41	-0.77
(%)	-3.9	+5.1	-15.2

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (kg)
Open Close Open Close
May .... 114.5 114.7 Jun 108.5 108.5
Jul .... unq 102.9 Volume: 13

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT (close £/t)
May 141.95
Jun 142.30
Sep 108.70
Nov 110.65
Jan 113.55
Volume: 90

BARLEY (close £/t)
May 136.40
Sep 106.70
Nov 109.65
Jan 112.15
Mar 114.15
Volume: 0

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)
Jun 143.50
Aug 142.00
Oct 146.00
Dec 145.50
Feb .... unq
Volume: 50

POTATO
(£/t) Open Close
Nov .... unq 60.0
Apr 93.0 92.1
May .... unq 101.5
Volume: 2

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Jun 56.75-57.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Despite news that Opec were adhering to their quotas, levels failed to gain ground.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)
Brent Physical .... 19.05 (n/c)
Brent 15 day (May) .... 19.05 (n/c)
Brent 15 day (Jun) .... 19.20 (n/c)
W Texas Intermediate (Jun) .... 20.50 -0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Jul) .... 20.65 (n/c)

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)
Premium Gas .15 .... Bid: 216 (+1) Offer: 218 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC .... 186 (+1) 187 (+1)
Non EEC 1H May .... 186 (+1) 187 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Jun .... 181 (+1) 182 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil .... 74 (n/c) 77 (n/c)
Naphtha .... 184 (+1) 185 (+1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL
May .... 183.50-83.75 Aug 178.00-78.50
Jun .... 179.25-79.75 Sep 179.50-80.00
Jul .... 177.50-77.75 Oct 182.00-82.50
Vol: 15272

BRENT (6.00pm)
Jun .... 19.18-19.19 Sep 19.22-19.26
Jul .... 19.15-19.16 Oct .... unq
Aug .... 19.19-19.22 Vol: 24310

UNLEADED GASOLINE
May .... 208.75-09.25 Aug .... unq
Jun .... 208.00-09.00 Sep .... unq
Jul .... 207.00-08.00 Vol: 277

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)
May 93 High: 1580 Low: 1575 Close: 1576
Jun 93 1475 1469 1474
Jul 93 1325 1317 1318
Oct 93 1410 1409 1413
Vol: 157 lots. Open int'st: 3124 Index 1571 same

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1114.5-1115.0	1134.0-1134.5	1554950
Lead (£/tonne)	264.50-265.00	274.50-274.75	57250
Zinc Spot Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1012.5-1013.0	1030.5-1031.0	219675
Tin ($/tonne)	5622.0-5623.0	5680.0-5685.0	12450
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1127.0-1127.5	1148.0-1148.5	868825
Nickel ($/tonne)	[illegible]	[illegible]	21570

China syndrome puts a gloss on gold throughout the East

Colin Campbell explains the background to the recent rise in the price of gold



Reflections of a golden eye: Stewart Murray, chief executive of Gold Fields Mineral Services

It has long been the prayer of every aspirant shoemaker for God to make every person in China buy just one pair of his shoes so that he can become rich. The world is still full of poor cobblers. But the Chinese and other Indo-Chinese nations are marching into gold with such determination, and with such pent-up buying power, that they may help give the 1993 gold market its most positive prospects in a decade.

Gold 1993, the latest annual survey compiled by a team led by Stewart Murray from Gold Fields Mineral Services, notes that last year, China became the world's largest gold consumer and, on a conservative estimate, private gold absorption exceeded 350 tonnes measured in tael bars. Rising disposable incomes, fear of inflation, a preference for a metal that they have long venerated and respect-ed, are parts of the Chinese revolution.

The People's Republic is also believed to have been a significant net buyer of bullion for its central bank last year, and is thought to have acquired a substantial part of the 400 tonnes of gold that was sold by the central bank of the Netherlands in late 1992.

In China, an estimated 400,000 people work in the jewellery sector and there are at least 4,000 wholesalers and retailers. Per capita consumption, based on an estimated population of 1.2 billion and 350 tonnes of gold, is a mere 0.3 grammes per person. But the potential trend of Chinese demand for *chuk kam* (pure gold), complemented by rapidly rising private demand for gold in Vietnam (population 70 million), Burma, Laos and Cambodia, where bullion is often used as the medium of exchange, suggests there is more foundation to the most recent flurry in the gold price than mere self-serving speculation.

With high inflation and political uncertainty, gold has become a parallel currency in Cambodia, where the stalls in Phnom Penh's markets now actively trade gold. Property is valued and paid for in gold, which has become such a recognised financial instrument that a local bank offers 8.5 per cent interest on gold deposits, paid in gold. There is little evidence that the pace of Chinese demand is slowing. But whether China takes over from where the West has left off, or whether the West re-assesses its attitude remains to be seen.

The guarded forecast by the survey's authors — with the caveat that central banks do not sell large amounts of gold in 1993 — is: "The prospects of the gold price finally turning the corner by the end of the year will have improved enormously". GFMS' statistics show that 1992 was a good one for the metal, except for its dull price.

Helped, in part, by the China factor, western world jewellery fabrication demand rose by 15 per cent to a record 2,461 tonnes last year — the fifth successive record — and accounted for 86 per cent of total fabrication demand of 2,859 tonnes. The year's total demand for gold at 3,182 tonnes, up from 2,852 tonnes, was also helped, in part, by continued demand in the Middle East and India. There was a flurry of western investor demand after the turmoil in the European monetary system, and before the US presidential election in November, which prove political developments and uncertainties still play some part in today's gold market, albeit modest compared with price movements related to world events in the 1970s.

On the supply side, the market had to absorb a record 3,182 tonnes, or 12 per cent more than in 1991. Mine production rose in the Western world and the market had to contend with large bullion sales by the central banks of the Netherlands (400 tonnes), Belgium (202 tonnes) and Canada (94 tonnes). Each said it sold to reduce gold's share in its total reserves, and that sales were voluntary — not distress. Iraq's disposal of 50 tonnes was a genuine distress sale, among total central bank disposals of a gross 910 tonnes last year.

Had it not been for the Chinese central bank and other smaller purchases by various Asian central banks, which limited the net disposals to 599 tonnes compared with net official sales of 58 tonnes in 1991, the price impact in 1992 might have been more severe. The gold price was not a star in 1992, and for the fifth year in succession the dollar gold price closed the year below its starting price. The average price fell by 5 per cent, and in terms of the yen, mark and the Swiss franc, new ten-year lows were established. In dollars, the trading range was narrow, varying only 8.5 per cent round the annual average price, compared with a 16.2 per cent swing in 1991 and a 20.3 per cent range in 1990. Overall volatility was also low in 1992, though because of the peaks and troughs that are likely in 1993 as sentiment waxes and wanes, volatility is expected to increase.

Few investors will have forgotten the $850 level that gold reached on one day in 1980, equivalent to $1,447.47 in today's dollars. With gold, it is not where you finish but where you start that counts for the investor. In constant 1992 money, the gold price in 1968 was an average $158.39, compared with an average $343.91 an ounce in 1992. In sterling, the 1968 price was £135.25 an ounce in 1992 pounds, compared with last year's average of £195.55.

The recent, and highly publicised, entry into the gold market of Sir James Goldsmith, the financier, and George Soros, the currency speculator, has drawn in the crowds. Brokers report a sudden resurgence of interest by their clients. The two multi-millionaires have done more in the short term for the gold price than any recent war. But one Soros does not a summer make, and seasoned followers of gold say the fundamentals for a price upturn have long been there.

What Soros/Goldsmith did was to give the gold market a kick, perhaps some months before it might otherwise have happened. But while Sir James might for long remain a bull of his favourite metal, Mr Soros might have a shorter time horizon, and any publicised change of heart on his part would knock the latest rally on its head.

The survey authors do not forecast price movements but argue that the course of the gold market this year will depend on decisions to be taken by the world's central banks about the future composition of their reserves. But central banks are adept in their disposal programmes, as evidenced by their 1992 actions, and the gold market should not suffer too much damage if further official sales are made this year.

Jewellery demand appears to be solid enough. If Britain were to follow Germany's move and remove VAT from gold, European jewellery demand would be even stronger.

The crucial question, says *Gold 1993*, is China's attitude, and whether it will impose another austerity programme. In 1993, that option may be more difficult than in 1988, when inflation was 18 per cent. Today, private enterprise has taken a hold in southern China and is spreading to Shen Zhen, Shanghai, and Peking with queues forming daily to buy *chuk kam*.

TEMPUS

Better reports, please

THE new-fangled long standard audit report delivered by the Auditing Practices Board will be a mixed blessing for investors. Those who know what to skip, before they get to the uncertainties and opinions, should find much more consistency. Qualifying accounts may not be seen as such a nuclear deterrent and auditors can call attention to critical uncertainties without rocking the boat too much. Anything that gets annual reports better read would be an improvement. Even the better professionals like to crow that they only read them from the back, since anything worth reading will be in the small print.

A review of the top 350 accounts by Meridian Design Associates, a design consultancy, shows some of the problems. Meridian worked from the premise that reports are a marketing opportunity usually seen as a legal chore and graded accounts on a score system. This started with the number of seconds needed to find the key financial information, docked points for loads of irrelevant pictures and useless clichés such as "the company should benefit from an upturn in the economy" but confused matters a little by adding brownie points for things like enclosing a compliments slip.

With the exception of Sears, which came top, the Footsie winners were mostly good performers you would expect to major on investor relations, such as Hanson, Reed International, Reuters, Tesco and Guinness. The key to more general improvement surely lies in converting the directors' report into the centrepiece of an annual report, including the sort of detailed review of prospects that David Tweedie sometimes dreams about.

Tomkins

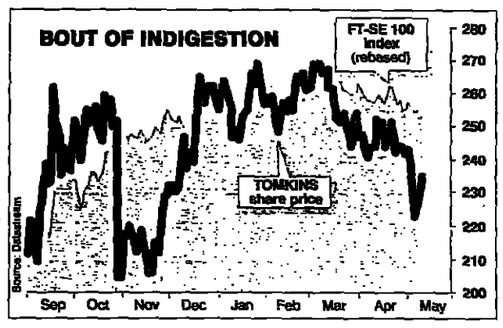
ONCE again, Greg Hutchings has managed to dispel market fears that his acquisitive conglomerate had bitten off more than it could chew. Tomkins shares have underperformed since March on fears that Mr Hutchings had his work cut out to wring any real value out of RHM.

Yesterday's progress report shows the Hutchings magic is still working and there is much to achieve at RHM with the use of Tomkins' management and financial controls. The policy of refusing to talk about acquisitions for several months after the deal is done has always tended to worry the City.

Rumours abound: the company refuses to talk about them. So the rumours multiply. As soon as the company starts to talk again the shares tend to recover.

Yesterday's statement was given a warm welcome by the market, particularly the £90 million provision figure, which was lower than many had expected. RHM should also reduce Tomkins' cyclical exposure.

At yesterday's price, the shares sell at about 17 times current earnings, based on likely profits of £170 million in the year to May 1. Looking ahead to next year, given market forecasts of between £260 million and £270 million, the shares are on a price-earnings ratio of 15. That is above the industrial sector average of 14 times, but given Tomkins' superior potential, its shares are sure to earn a premium rating in the longer-term.



Greencore

THE facts surrounding the Greencore placing still bear more resemblance to farce than scandal. Davy, like most brokers, derives a good part of its reputation from its ability to place large lines of stock. By its own admission, its decision to place 4.5 million shares with parties connected to Davy was a move designed to avoid admitting that it had failed to place the shares with institutions. The need to save face was probably intensified by the nature of its client — the Irish government — and the identity of the investment bank acting as underwriter of last resort, SG Warburg, a British merchant bank.

UK regulators are anxious to show that the system is working after well-publicised failures and the huge embarrassment over the Blue Arrow affair, which was quite different, since prolonged lack of disclosure was the key issue, but shared some characteristics. They are probably wise to wait until the outcome of the investigation in Dublin is known before they enter the fray. Davy appears to have complied with notification requirements. If the market was misled between the time of the placing and the suspension of dealings then there is a case for changing disclosure rules. Five days appears to be an inordinately long time to wait for information in a market that has now become used to real time price information.

Berisford Intl

BERISFORD'S results are little help to shareholders who want to know where the business is going. The performance of a ragbag of businesses left over from the rescue of Ephraim Margulies' conglomerate has no bearing on Berisford's share price which, at 128p, stands at a 45 per cent premium to net asset value.

Berisford is almost a shell company and the premium rating is being commanded by the company's new management team, which has demonstrated skill in converting debt of some £1.3 billion to a small net cash position. It can hardly be blamed for failing to foresee the outcome of the ill-fated bid for Clarks, which at least suggests it might have been a good deal. Few corporate finance models include family rows as a variable factor.

The hidden prize in Berisford is tax losses here and in America, which could give shareholders tax-free earnings for several years. The ability of management to buy, at sensible prices, companies capable of generating good profits, will determine whether the hefty premium is justified.

Scrip dividends

BZW's agreement to Swiss Bank Corporation's higher bid for extra BAT scrip dividend shares looks like healthy competition at work. It also exposes the weakness of the scheme. Presumably, SBC would not have offered to cut the discount from 5 to 2 per cent if it did not have buyers in mind. Otherwise, sudden increases in supply in the hands of market-makers are likely to depress a company's share price, taking away from shareholders with one hand the benefit the taxman is giving to their underlying investment with the other.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Reichmann accepts blame

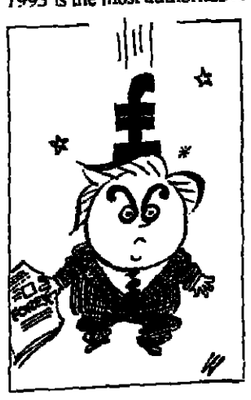
PAUL Reichmann, the secretive Canadian property developer whose personal fortune once rivalled that of the Queen, has accepted all the blame for the spectacular collapse of Olympia & York. With his family's £10 billion fortune consumed by disastrous stock market and real estate speculation and Canary Wharf, his most ambitious development, still a ghost-town, Reichmann admits: "It is my fault. I did not concentrate on this management and I did not realise the change in the market place that came about with the Gulf war." Speaking to *Fortune* magazine, Reichmann says: "Psychologically a lot of things I should have done, I didn't because I knew that when this big tenant — Barclays Bank — moved in, Canary Wharf would have been acclaimed as the greatest success of the century. In the end, the blame is all mine." He says his mistake was agreeing to finance non-real estate ventures, including the paper products company Abitibi-Price and Gulf Canada Resources, during an inflationary period.

Mandarin's advice

WHITEHALL mandarins are increasingly treading the path to the City when they retire at 60. Sir Terry Heiser, who last year stepped down as permanent secretary at the environment department, is spreading his talents about. Yesterday, Sir Terry, already a freeman of the City, joined the board of Smith New Court as a non-executive director. "More and more we feel the need to know our way around Whitehall," says Sir Michael Richardson, chairman of Smith New Court and formerly of N. M. Rothschild. "When Rothschild was handling a lot of privatisations, Frank Cooper, who had headed the DTI civil service before joining us, was a tremendous help. All the big houses need at least one connection with Whitehall," he says. Sir Terry already does similar work for three other companies.

Cents worth

GOOD news and not so good news from the gurus at Gold Fields Mineral Services yesterday on publication, for the 25th successive year, of the world gold market's annual bible. The good news? The Chinese are moving into gold in a big way. The not so good news? The cover price of extra copies of *Gold 1993* rises from £50 to £60, though the price remains unchanged in dollars at $95. But as *Gold 1993 is the most authoritative*



work on the subject, and since more than 60 countries are visited and countless sheep's eyes have to be eaten to glean all the information, it is worth every penny, or cent.

Down at The Den

DEALERS, salesmen and analysts at James Capel are determined not to let the institutions kick them about anymore. Once again, football enthusiasts at Capel will renew old rivalries with the institutional football team run by the Prudential's Ted Williams at a match for charity tomorrow at The Den, the ground vacated by Millwall after its 3-0 defeat last Saturday. Malcolm Graham-Wood, head of equities, says the Capel team are "determined to revenge" their 5-0 defeat by the institutions last year, at Chiswick's Ibis Ground. Any spectators keen to cheer on the combatants can catch a coach leaving Thames Exchange, Southwark Bridge at 5.45 pm.

Platform speakers

MANCHESTER Business School seems to have placed a bet on Norman Lamont remaining Chancellor until at least June 25, the day it has scheduled him to speak at one of its "vital topics" celebrity seminars. In the school's advertisement, Lamont's photograph appears alongside that of David Coleman, the sports commentator, who is almost as famous for verbal gaffes as the Chancellor. But Coleman will not be sharing a platform with Lamont: he is to perform with Bobby Charlton a month earlier in "a tribute to our Olympic bid". The only vital topic of conversation, as far as the punters are concerned, is British Airways: Lord King is the only "celebrity" to sell out.

Flying high

TOUGH decisions taken in the Boeing boardroom to buoy up demand in the stricken aeronautics industry have failed to bring Frank Shrontz back down to earth, where many of his subordinates now languish. Just a month after Boeing announced 28,000 redundancies affecting 20 per cent of its workforce by 1994, the American Securities & Exchange Commission showed that the Boeing chief executive officer's earnings had climbed to more than $2 million in 1992. Aside from a basic salary of $821,321, Shrontz received a bonus of $554,000 bringing his total to more than $1.37 million against $1.19 million in 1991 — not including an extra 31,875 share options worth $626,000 at current market prices. Clearly executive pay in America shows no signs of crash landing.

FOUNTAIN Court Gentleman's Hairdressing has reported a sharp decline in business since the IRA bomb. "We reopened last Tuesday, but some people must still think we're closed," Alex Penkul, the owner, complains. Surely it could not have anything to do with the fact that those intrepid enough to climb through the NatWest hoardings in search of a cut and shave must wear a hard hat if they want to give Fountain Court their custom.

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

BUSINESS LETTERS

Outside advice needed on top pay

From the Chairman of the Top Pay Research Group

Sir, Graham Searjeant's timely article on boardroom pay (May 7) highlighted two aspects of the Cadbury Report: three-year service contracts and the separation of salary and bonus figures in the annual report.

It did not mention a third recommendation: that the remuneration committee should draw on outside advice as necessary. In our evidence to Cadbury, we also suggested that the names of the advisers should be given, so that shareholders and others could assess how independent they actually were.

We specialise in advising remuneration committees and in smaller companies the owners or non-executive directors, and know how vital it is that advisers are truly independent and do not have other significant fee income dependent on the goodwill of executive management.

It is possible, via selective research, to justify almost any salary review or bonus system and it is important that non-executives, who need to retain the trust of their colleagues, are encouraged to say "no" with the evidence to support it, when this is necessary.

Yours faithfully,
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Upper Ground Floor,
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Lloyd's must provide redress for its Names

From Mr Iain Mitchell

Sir, Anyone concerned with the future of Lloyd's, and the contribution that it can make to the financial well-being of this country, must welcome the new Business Plan for its realistic appraisal of needs for the future based on far greater frankness about the mistakes of the past.

The tacit or explicit admission of those mistakes, however, highlights the need to address the problem of those who are already the victims of them.

While losses still mount, precise figures are impossible, but it appears that the 500 or so Lime Street Names now face losses in excess of £1.196 billion for the years 1988-91. This is effectively 1.8 per cent of the membership carrying nearly 25 per cent of the losses.

It is perhaps inevitable that, while the battle for survival rages, attention is more closely concentrated on the conduct of the fight than on care for the desperately wounded. Nevertheless, it would be immoral for future prosperity to be built on lessons learned from the mistakes of the past without the consequences of those mistakes also being put right.

On practical, as well as moral, grounds, the issue cannot be ducked either; it must become increasingly clear from each further revelation that the claims of much of the litigation are well founded. In any case, most of the Lime Street losses (averaging £2.3 million per Name) could not be met even if the Names were to abandon all claims.

For every reason, therefore, Lloyd's cannot expect to march forward to a bright future over the bodies of those cut down without giving them proper relief.

Yours faithfully,
IAIN MITCHELL,
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Sex equality in pension schemes

From Mr H. Wynne-Griffith

Sir, The Advocate-General of the European Court has given his "opinion" (April 29) on the subject of sex equality in pension schemes. Thankfully, he considers this to be a requirement for only benefits earned after May 17, 1990 — the date Mr Barber won his case (but with an unclear judgment — hence the delay until now to know what his winning actually meant).

But wait — if the Advocate-General's view holds good then Mr Barber, who could not have had any pensionable service after May 17, 1990, would have won nothing.

Paradoxically then, Mr Barber has brought about sex equality in a case which, had he known would have resulted in no advantage to him (win or lose), he would probably not have brought in the first place.

Although the opinion comes as a welcome relief, it does demonstrate the absurdity of European law — you win your case, you gain nothing but you have caused vast social upheaval nevertheless.

Yours faithfully,
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Selling financial products and experience

From Mrs Daphne Schogger

Sir, The mockery of the Financial Services Act continues. Under the Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association regulations proposed, all independent financial advisers will have to pass a Financial Planning Certificate to continue in their profession, regardless of length of time in the industry and regardless of the fact that in order to be regulated by Fimbra in the first place, they would have passed stringent "underwriting" tests.

Now, a major insurer, formerly a staunch supporter of the independent sector, has announced the launch of a professional direct sales force and will recruit "bankers, lawyers and teachers", who are likely to have no experience of selling financial products!

Yours faithfully,
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32	GEC	Electrical	
33	Sanderson Elec	Industrial	
34	Aviva Pet	Oils, Gas	
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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
411	345	Abbey Ntl	410	+9½	11.5	3.5	15.8
255	179	Allied Irish	236	+4	...	4.8	12.0
176	130	Aus New Z	165	+2½	...	5.5	...
3808¼	2793¾	Bankamerica	2993¾	+25	...	...	...
250	188	Bk of Ireland	223	+2	...	5.3	35.7
325	325	Bk Leumi UK	325	...	17.0	6.5	...
140	116½	Bank Scotland	131†	+1	4.5	4.5	—
464	362	Barclays	424	+3	15.1	4.5	—
3	2	Benchmark	2½	...	...	...	...
52	31	Brown Shipley	35	...	...	...	...
19½	15½	Carlisle	16½	...	...	...	...
485	395	Cater Allen	483	...	26.0	6.7	...
120	85	Cattles	120	+1	...	4.4	16.0
2450	1787½	Chase Manh	1912½	-15½	...	...	...
2043½	1367½	Chicorp	1750½	+18½	...	...	...
345	250	Close Bros	334	...	...	3.6	14.9
£125½	9225	Commerzbk	£112½	-56½	...	3.5	...
£30¼	£25¼	Deutsche Bk	£27¾	+19½	...	2.3	...
81	45	First Nat Fin	71	+1	...	...	...
1227	876	Fuji Bank Y	1218	+21	...	0.4	68.6
458	343	Gerrard Nat	458	+6	21.0	5.7	...
654	490	HSBC	584½	+9½	19.0	4.1	—
634	474	HSBC HK	572	+13	19.0	4.2	—
356	243	Hambros	341	+2	13.8	5.1	15.1
363	313	Joseph (L)	358	...	15.8	5.5	...
138	96	King Shaxson	138	+10	5.0	4.5	...
403	312	Kleinwort Ben	386	+2	16.0	5.2	13.4
573	492	Lloyds	523	+6	18.4	4.4	15.0
87	63	Lon Scot Bk	86	...	3.0	4.4	17.0
432	322	Nat Aust Bk	419	-1	...	4.8	14.5
485	398	Nat West	459	+5	17.5	4.8	22.9
£200	£137½	Ottoman	£187½	-500	...	8.0	5.5
47	39	Rea Bros	41	...	0.5	1.5	43.6
274	237	Ryl Bk Scot	268†	+4	8.8	4.1	...
1975	1335	Schroders	1860	...	22.0	1.5	18.5
758	576	Stand Chart	728	+9	20.0	3.4	...
195	145½	TSB	176	+2	6.4	4.5	...
138	78	Union Disc	139	+8	...	...	...
674	529	Warburg SG	667	+15	18.0	3.4	19.7
227	185	-do- 6% 'A'	222½	+4½	...	3.4	...
7850	4843½	Wells Fargo	6781¼	+31¼	...	1.5	...
164	121	Westpac	164	+3	...	4.6	...
215	188	Wintrust	205	...	9.3	5.7	7.9

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	547	Allied-Lyons	581	+6	20.0	4.5	13.0
647	528	Bass	540	+3	18.9	4.4	11.8
273	180	Boddington	272	...	7.3	3.4	15.9
415	362	Bulmer (HP)	397	...	9.0	2.8	18.3
159	120	Burtonwd Brw	150	+6	4.4	3.7	10.9
307	261	Devenish (JA)	300	...	7.8	3.3	16.9
98	75	Eldridge P 'A'•	90	-2	...	4.5	23.8
66½	52	Fosters Brewing	52	-½	...	5.2	7.2
380	338	Fullr Sm 'A'•	378	...	...	3.2	15.9
480	399	Grand Met	432	+2½	12.3	3.6	14.3
427	388	Greenalls Grp	418	...	11.7	3.5	13.8
563	505	Greene King	549	...	11.6	2.6	14.1
516	440	Guinness	478	+7	...	3.1	17.0
281	230	Hardy Hansn	243	-3	7.9	4.1	13.5
113	108	Heavitree•	110	...	3.8	3.5	26.4
95	78	-do- 'A' LV•	95	...	3.0	4.0	22.8
299	253	Highland Dist	286	-1	6.0	2.6	19.0
3125	2538	Hok J	2900†	-57	41.0	1.8	—
56	33	Huskins Brew	56	...	...	...	40.3
323	250	Invrgordn Dist	287	...	7.0	3.3	—
186	157	MacaBan-Glen	162	...	0.9	0.7	36.4
465	375	Marstn Mattn 'A'	375	...	8.8	2.9	11.8
740	655	Mansfield	739	...	13.6	2.3	15.9
256	231	Mrstn Tmp	237	...	4.9	2.6	13.9
435	410	Matthew Clark	411	...	15.7	4.8	12.3
300	259	Morydown W	260	...	...	3.0	18.8
480	455	Morland	480	...	8.4	2.2	19.1
12	6½	Paramounts•	9½	...	...	2.1	17.3
950	760	SA Breweries	768	...	...	3.2	—
482½	408	Scot & New	471	+6	16.1	4.3	12.8
223	181	Taunton Cider	213	-1	...	2.8	10.9
248	213	Vaux Group	247	+4	9.3	4.7	17.0
282	225	Wetherspoon JD	282	+2	...	2.1	22.8
507	435	Whitbread 'A'	506	+11	16.9	4.2	14.2
1180	890	-do- 'B'	875	...	16.9	2.4	24.6
613	561	Wolvrhmptn D	571	...	11.4	2.5	16.0
515	480	Young 'A'	480	...	14.5	3.8	21.0

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
115	73	Abbey	110	-5	...	1.2	39.7
27	13	Albrighton•	18	...	...	...	...
106	87	Allen•	98	...	...	6.4	10.8
99	65	Amec	96	-1	3.0	3.9	—
9½	4	Anglia Sec	6½	+¼	...	...	...
199	155	Ashtead•	199	-1	4.1	2.6	24.7
142	108	Atwoods	122	+2	5.0	5.2	17.4
238	180	BPB Ind	231	+4	...	4.1	58.7
95	57	Baggeridge Brk	87	...	3.1	4.5	29.2
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	28½	...	0.5	...	...
101	74	Barcom	85	...	1.2	1.8	15.4
147	96	Barratt Devs	145	...	2.0	1.7	16.1
412	305	Bellway	394†	-1	...	3.8	22.8
32	15	Bellwinch	27	-1	...	...	...
423	295½	Berkeley Gp	402	...	...	1.9	27.7
65	45	Bett Bros	61	+3	...	...	2.5
40	36	Blockleys	47	...	1.0	2.7	—
257	189	Blue Circle	251	+8	11.2	5.6	—
282	230	Boot (Henry)	280†	+4½	5.9	2.6	15.7
106	78	Breedon PLC	93	+4	4.6	6.2	22.5
105	82	Br Dredging	103	...	5.2	6.3	23.9
79	45	Brit Fittings	69†	...	1.5	2.7	...
149	89	Bryant	147	+2	4.8	4.1	21.4
75	53	CALA	74	...	2.3	...	...
263	205	CRH	257	+3	...	3.6	16.3
38	22	Cakebread Rby	37	-2	...	...	...
30	23	Costain	33	...	...	...	...
138	90	Countryside	133	+1	4.1	3.9	33.1
63	38	Crest Nicholson	56	...	0.0	...	...
78	38	Cussins	76	...	...	...	...
3½	1½	Dunton•	1½	...	...	...	...
25	18½	Edmond Hldgs	19	...	0.5	3.3	...
238	178	Erwin	225†	+4½	6.8	3.8	—
48	32	Erith	47	...	0.3	0.9	...
350	252	Eve Group•	350	...	...	3.5	12.7
58	34	Ewrd Baxton	57	-1	2.0	4.4	26.8
6½	4½	Eurigarox	4½	...	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gp•	134†	...	...	4.7	21.3
50	38	Galliford	42	...	4.3	...	16.9
78	60	Gibbs & Dandy	63	...	...	...	...
788	695	Gleeson (MJ)	788†	+½	12.7	2.0	12.7
118½	90	Hewden-Stuart	118	...	2.2	3.4	—
50	28	Hewetson	50	...	2.6	...	49.8
230	186	Heywd Wlms	210	-1	12.5	6.0	...
85	37	Higgs & Hill	72†	+½	2.5	4.3	—
35	27	How Gp	30†	+1	1.5	6.3	...
19	15	Howard Hldgs	18	...	0.5	3.5	...
70	39	Ibstock Johnsen	69†	+½	1.0	1.8	...
22	14½	Jarvis	19	+½	...	...	...
278	196	Laing (J)	265	-6	9.0	4.2	...
83	55	Ln Clydeside•	66	...	4.3	8.5	24.9
33	10½	Lovell (YJ)	31	+¼	...	...	9.5
307	240	Manders	306	...	9.0	3.7	18.7
143	93	Marley	138	+2	4.2	3.8	40.5
95	61	Marshalls	85	+1	...	7.4	28.4
153	122	Maunders (J)	153	...	4.9	4.0	14.0
190	96	McAlpine (A)	189	...	6.5	4.3	32.7
35	23	McCarthy & S	30	...	0.5	...	...
354	272	Meyer Int	352†	-1	...	3.6	37.8
4	4	Miskin Gp•	4	...	...	...	...
125	62	Mowlem (J)	125	...	4.0	4.0	...
78	31	MSM	56	...	...	...	...
55	48	Nestler•	48	...	...	3.7	23.3
153	106	Newman Tnks	152	...	...	6.6	20.3
286	197	Persimmon	283	...	8.6	3.8	28.9
26	22	Phoenix Timber	23	...	...	...	...
1625	1462½	Pochins	1462½	...	28.0	3.5	8.9
118	80	Prowting	118	+4	3.4	3.6	...
6½	3½	Quiligotti•	4	...	...	...	...
696	555	RMC Gp	685	...	20.0	3.6	—
117	90	Raine Ind	94	...	6.0	8.0	18.7
36	20	Ransom•	20	...	...	...	...
499	402	Redland	498	+4	28.0	6.3	28.9
75	64	Roskel	68	...	4.3	7.9	10.0
270	207	Rugby Group	270	+6	6.4	3.0	—
40	23	Swift-Rees•	40†	...	...	...	...
106	66	Sharpe & Fisher	108	-1	4.0	4.7	—
172	110	Sheffield Insl	171	...	5.4	3.9	27.6
96	82	Sheriff Hldgs•	98	...	...	2.6	14.3
95	66	Shorco•	75	...	...	8.7	—
228	205	Smart (J)	205	...	8.5	5.2	9.3
6½	4½	Sturmix	5	-¼	0.1	7.5	6.0
142	103	Tarmac	125†	+2½	5.5	5.5	...
194	137	Tay Homes	182	...	5.8	4.0	11.6
115	63	Taylor Woodrw	108	+2	1.0	1.2	...
533	433	Tilbury Dougls	529	...	33.0	8.1	—
25	19	Torex Hire•	24	...	...	2.1	...
221	168	Travis Perkins	215†	-½	8.0	4.7	—
38	30	Try Group	36	...	1.0	3.5	10.2
28	26	Tudor•	28	...	...	1.1	...
66	41	Vibroplant	58	...	3.6	7.8	10.7
56	20	Ward Hldgs	52	+8	...	...	...
36	25	Watehouse	30	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	427†	...	10.7	3.1	18.4
14	8	Wescol•	13	...	...	...	...
152	90	Westbury	139	...	...	4.5	...
12	4½	West Staffoldo•	6½	-½	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9	...	...	...	...
461	371	Wilson Bowdn	451	-1	8.7	2.4	30.0
205	147	Wilson (C)	193†	-2½	3.9	2.5	—
184	107	Wimpey G	177½	+2½	3.2	3.7	—
46	25	YJM	46	+3	4.0	...	5.3

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	590	+5	...	...	—
228	198	Adam & Harvey	213	...	11.0	6.5	3.3
92	56	Air London•	86†	+½	...	6.6	8.1
50	37	African Lakes	44	...	2.0	5.7	...
175	125	Asm Sec	173	+2	5.3	3.6	—
108	84	BET Ord	105	+3	...	7.9	15.1
92	41	BNB Res	83	...	4.9	7.4	—
318	258	BPP	288	...	8.0	3.5	15.9
285	236	Barbour Index	255	...	7.2	3.9	17.4
22	15	Boustead	21†	+3½	0.7	4.2	—
236	184	Brit Data Mgt	231	+1	...	2.2	19.3
14	11	Broadcastle•	14	...	...	...	11.2
73	54	Brooks Service	65	...	...	...	...
101	86	CRT Gp	89	...	2.4	3.4	10.2
173	139½	Capita Group	169	...	...	1.6	8.8
40	31	Cutter Plc	37½	...	0.5	1.7	14.3
55	40	Chiltern Capital	49	...	...	...	...
51	26	Chrisile	48	...	...	...	...
285	228	Chubb Sec	275	+1	...	1.3	30.4
39	18	Contact•	39†	+4½	...	4.8	—
18	6½	Corp Services	16½	...	...	...	...
80	50	Dart	80	...	3.3	3.2	9.1
231	198	Davis Service	217†	+½	...	4.3	—
104	85	EW Facia	94	...	4.3	5.7	10.8
29½	11	Gardiner	25½	+1½	0.6	3.2	17.7
44	38	Gardner (DQ)	40	+1	...	...	...
246	225½	Hays	231	+3	4.6	2.5	22.7
220	173	Hogg Robinsn	193	...	6.3	4.1	14.5
70	55	Holmes Protectn	55	...	...	...	3.6
170	127	Hutch Whamp	170	+3	...	2.8	—
£120¼	9650	ISS B Dkr	9987½	-62½	...	1.1	14.0
637	532	Inchcape	597	+7	...	2.9	20.0
863	669	Johnson Clean	825	...	25.7	3.9	—
12	2½	Lep	8	...	...	...	...
244	173	Mate Gp	210	...	2.7	1.6	17.3
1187	893	Manpower	1033	...	...	...	...
44½	40½	Michael Page	44	+2½	1.8	5.1	18.7
279	217	Penna•	273	...	...	0.9	69.2
4½	2	Prime People•	2½	...	...	...	...
142	85	Prontfoot Alex	97†	...	12.0	15.5	—
423	375	RCO	375	...	12.8	4.6	12.9
118	113	REA	113	...	4.0	4.4	...
90	43	Reed Executive	90	...	...	...	...
155	113	Reliance Sec•	114	...	...	4.9	11.5
238	196	Rentokil	199	...	2.3	1.5	24.8
278	240	Rolfe & Nolan	261	...	6.2	3.0	17.5
399	343	Salvesen (C)	373	+2	7.0	2.3	20.6
35	29	Scott Pickford•	30	...	...	3.3	8.3
206	164	Securiguard	187	-1	9.4	6.3	9.9
6	5	Select Appt	5½	-½	...	...	...
988	695	Serco Gp	983	...	14.0	1.8	27.2
332	252	Sherwd Cmps•	282†	+½	...	3.1	—
130	91	Skechley	97	+5	3.0	3.9	—
335	310	Warner Howrd	310	...	...	2.5	17.5
45	27	Welpac	22	...	0.6	2.8	...
28	14	Wills Gp	25½	...	...	0.5	34.9

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	223	Allied Colloids	225	...	3.9	2.2	17.9
759	613	Amersham	664	+1	12.5	2.4	24.6
7	3½	Anglo Utd	3½	...	0.8	...	...
£101¼	8325	BASF DM	8775	+25	...	7.9	...
275	221	BTP	270	+1	9.3	4.7	19.7
£119	£102½	Bayer DM50	£103	+71½	...	5.6	...
173	134	Blagden	173	+3	9.5	6.9	18.6
185	137	Brent Chems	140	...	7.4	6.6	—
530	425	Br Bio-Tech	430	...	...	...	...
29	18	Caird Gp	23½	...	1.3	7.1	—
153	126	Canning (W)	127	...	7.2	7.2	14.6
608	533½	Courtaulds	558	+9	13.0	2.9	15.2
281	232	Croda	271	...	7.7	3.6	—
146	121	Doeflex	137	...	4.6	4.2	10.5
206	175	Ellis & Everard	198	...	7.0	4.5	18.1
28	15½	Euro Colour	25	...	0.6	3.3	...
291	259	Halstead (J)	285	...	...	2.6	14.3
237	194	Hickson	206	...	8.0	4.2	—
£114½	8850	Hoechst	9500	+37½	...	4.0	...
216	195	Holliday Chem	214	...	...	2.2	19.7
1297	1048	ICI	1284	+41	55.0	5.4	31.9
688	581	Laporte	626	+1	19.5	3.9	—
223	181	Leigh	181	...	7.8	5.4	14.8
19½	8	MTM	6½	+½	...	...	...
1712½	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1637½	-34½	...	1.8	—
420	370	Paterson Zoch	419	...	11.4	3.4	18.1
375	360	-do- 'A'	370	...	11.4	3.9	16.0
296	254	Plysu	287	...	6.0	2.8	18.0
210	173	Porvair	209	...	3.6	2.2	22.3
15	7½	Suteliffe Speak	8½	...	...	...	...
475	425	Wardle Storeys	442	...	16.0	4.5	17.8
490	395	Wistnholme R	445	...	17.0	4.8	15.2
398	368	Yorks Chem	398	+2	...	2.4	21.3
306	240	Yule Catto	289	-2	5.9	2.6	—

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
105	63	Alexon	85	+1	3.0	4.4	...
87	42	Amber Day	77	...	3.1	5.1	20.8
319	257	Argos Plc	289	+4	...	2.9	20.6
104	69	Ashley (Laura)	95	...	0.1	0.1	—
305	278	Asprey•	285	...	...	2.1	23.1
245	188	Austin Reed	233†	-2	5.0	2.7	—
153	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	140†	+1½	6.0	5.4	—
121	97	Bentalls	110†	+½	1.9	2.2	—
345	206	Betterware	287	+5	...	0.6	36.8
34	22	Blacks Lsis	28	+3	3.3	...	5.8
227	133	Body Shop	195	-8	1.6	1.0	22.5
16	12	Brown & Jacksn	15½	...	...	0.7	—
401	318	Brown (N)	342	...	7.0	2.6	—
90	64½	Burton	83	-2½	...	...	...
145	126	Cantors	143	...	...	2.3	19.0
355	295	Church	335	...	12.5	4.4	31.6
183	97	Clinton Cards	148	-3	4.2	3.6	17.9
247	212	Coats Viyella	234	...	...	3.8	25.7
106	78	Colourvision•	86	...	...	...	14.5
498	374	Courts Furnish	498	+3	5.0	1.3	25.0
155	115	Crown Eyes	135	...	...	5.6	6.5
106	89	Dairy Farm Intl	95	...	...	3.6	—
66	51½	Dewhirst (D)	63	...	1.0	2.0	20.2
281	194½	Dixons Grp	233	+6	6.0	3.5	25.0
405	320	Dunhill	400	-3	7.7	2.4	13.9
21	12½	ERA Gp	14	...	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	485	+85	16.0	4.3	—
115	71	Essex Furn	101	...	...	3.4	17.1
238	203	Etam	238	...	6.9	3.7	—
562	499	Fine Art Dev	546	...	11.0	2.5	21.0
50	28	Fired Earth Tiles	38	...	...	...	...
500	498	Forminster	498	...	12.5	3.1	10.4
51	24	French Conn•	50	...	...	...	...
47	21	Gabbicci•	42	...	2.0	...	8.4
65	43	Gent SR	48	...	2.0	5.1	14.4
46	25	Goldsmiths Gp	46	+1	0.3	0.8	—
2913	2400	GUS	2913	...	40.0	1.7	23.2
1728	1363	-do- 'A'	1633	+8	40.0	3.1	13.0
40	34	Hampden Grp•	35	...	...	3.6	17.3
277	82	Harstone	95	+9	4.8	6.4	5.8
29½	20	Helene Plc	20½	...	2.0	12.3	—
42	28	Heritage•	41	+1	...	...	...
63	35	Honeysuckle•	62	...	...	2.0	8.8
192	128	Hse of Lerose	192	...	10.3	6.7	—
93	63	Jacques Vert	85	...	2.0	...	...
605	496	Kingfisher	595	+7	...	2.9	16.8
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	66½	+½	4.0	7.5	13.7
685	495	Liberty	643†	+½	7.2	1.4	—
320	265	Lloyds Chem	305	-3	5.5	2.3	12.0
152	120	MFI	140	+4	...	3.3	18.7
360	311	Marks Spencer	348	+6	7.1	2.6	21.2
500	445	Menzies (John)	498	...	10.0	2.5	16.6
175	135	Moss Bros	167†	...	5.5	4.1	—
174	139½	Next	156½	...	2.5	2.0	—
31	15	Oliver (G)	31	+1	...	...	...
250	197	Oriflame Intl	214	...	...	5.8	13.9
63	45	Pentos	51	...	1.5	3.7	10.5
313	265	QS Hldgs	287	...	5.1	2.3	20.2
41½	11	Ramers Group	40	+8½	2.4	7.5	...
35	20	Rhino Grp•	29½	...	...	...	—
135	120	Rosebys	135	...	4.3	4.0	—
174	137	Sherwood Gp	165	...	2.6	2.0	—
108	93	Sears	102½	+2½	1.5	4.3	—
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	465	+10	13.4	3.6	16.4
14½	4½	Specialeyes•	9	...	...	...	...
219	176	Storehouse	212	+5	5.0	2.0	...
191	148	T & S Stores	153	+3½	5.9	4.8	11.4
133	71	Tie Rack	126	...	...	1.0	20.5
213	160	Time Products	193	...	7.5	4.6	18.9
100	63	Usher (Frank)•	91	-1	...	0.9	7.2
45	27	Vyal	33½	-2½	1.0	3.7	10.4
40	35	Wensum•	36†	+½	...	6.3	—
117	78	Wickes	108	...	...	...	47.9
60	45	Wld of Leathers	50	...	...	...	...
195	146	Wyevale•	195	+3	...	2.6	—
4	2½	Xtra-vision•	3½	...	...	...	3.7

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
182	147	ACT Group	156	-2½	4.5	3.6	15.4
238	223	Acal•	238	...	...	3.1	19.9
162½	38	Acorn Comp•	83	-5	...	...	42.1
480	365	Admiral	438	...	5.4	1.5	18.5
131	104	Alba	129	...	4.7	4.6	16.9
43	19½	Alphameric	38	...	...	...	...
38½	22	Amstrad	32½	-½	0.4	...	...
128	73	App Holo•	73	...	...	...	...
17	13	Arlen	16	+2	...	...	...
57½	35½	Astec	53	+½	...	...	—
290	250	Bowthorpe	269	...	...	9.2	4.3	14.2
9	3½	Bennen & Fount	5½	+½	...	...	...
381	319	BICC	363	+4	19.2	6.6	24.6
575	455	Brit Sky	484	...	9.2	2.4	18.8
1850	1150	Borland•	1800	+100	...	...	...
300	274	Bowthorpe	308	...	6.3	2.6	—
449½	376	BT	406½	+4	16.4	4.4	15.1
9	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	7½	...	0.1	1.7	...
151	110	Burnfield	140	+1	5.7	5.1	22.1
760	669	Cable Wireless	701	+11	13.2	2.4	21.6
14½	11½	Chloride	12½	...	...	...	...
251	229	CML Micro•	250	...	...	2.4	16.5
105	74	Comptr People	104	...	0.6	0.8	...
151	108½	Cray Elect	143½	+1½	...	0.4	11.2
355	243	Critchley	316	...	...	2.4	22.4
119	86	Dale	106	+1	5.1	6.0	10.3
532	414	Delta	522	+2	14.0	3.4	—
298	205	Denmans Ele	285	...	...	3.7	12.1
620	490	Domino	514	...	7.2	1.8	17.6
65	48	Dowding Mills	58	-2	2.5	5.4	19.1
1040	865	Dracka	1040	...	...	1.1	25.1
411	358	Electrocomponts	388	+3	7.0	2.3	21.0
573	470	El Data Plc	558	...	5.1	1.1	15.3
86	43	Electron House	81	...	2.3	3.6	24.7
24	10½	Emess	24	+½	0.1	0.5	—
587	442	Eurotherm	580	-1	8.0	1.7	26.4
135	108	FKI	133½	+2	3.3	2.3	25.0
391	340	Farnell Elect	372†	+2½	6.2	2.1	—
31	33	Feedback•	31	...	...	...	...
18	9½	Ferranti	14½	...	...	...	...
195	101	First Tech	192	...	...	...	...
236	81	Forward Gp•	235	...	...	1.8	—
21	17	Forward Tech	17	...	...	...	...
328½	264	GEC	315	+4	9.6	3.8	16.7
182	132	Granby	165	-9	10.9	8.3	—
39	30	Highcare•	30	...	...	1.6	12.7
145	83	INSTEM•	145†	+7	...	3.7	10.6
398	320	Jones Stroud	373	...	8.0	2.7	16.2
10	8	Kamboy	9	...	0.3	5.2	3.4

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
487	389	East Midlands	451	-1	17.1	4.7	8.7
496	399	Eastern Elect	462	...	16.7	4.5	11.5
356	304	Hydro—Elect	327	+3	10.1	3.9	11.6
500½	404	London Elect	454	...	16.8	4.6	8.7
549	458	Manweb	516	+1	18.2	4.4	7.4
514	424½	Midlands Elec	473	...	17.2	4.6	9.9
549	440	Northern Elec	496	+1	18.5	4.7	7.4
544	439	Norweb	501	-4	17.7	4.4	9.4
337	285	Scottish Power	309½	+3½	10.1	4.1	11.5
520	436	Seeboard	490	+3	17.2	4.4	8.8
571	469	Sth Wales	522	-2	19.4	4.6	8.5
532	426	Sth Western	481	...	17.4	4.5	8.7
496	406	Southern Elec	461	+1	16.6	4.5	9.1
552	458	Yorkshire Elec	512	+3	17.7	4.3	9.5
354½	273	National Powr	330	+5½	9.1	3.4	10.9
353	273	PowerGen	339	+8½	...	3.9	10.6

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	52	Aitken Hume	52	...	0.5	...	33.2
75	47	BWD•	75	...	...	5.3	11.7
90	26	Baltic Plc	84	...	1.0	1.5	—
453	428	Caledonia	432	...	14.4	4.2	16.6
1500	1075	Camellia	1400	...	27.0	2.4	11.8
258	243	Candover	245	+2	10.2	5.2	17.4
91	71	Fletcher•	87	...	...	...	8.6
308	158	Goven	280	...	...	3.4	8.7
146	125	Ivory Sime	145	...	...	5.4	15.2
6½	3	LIT	4	...	...	...	...
12	11	Lightship	12‡	...	...	...	0.6
203	154	Lon Forfaktng•	200	...	8.4	5.4	14.1
57	47	Manakin	57	...	...	...	...
11	3½	Nat Home Loan	10	+½	...	...	...
48	40	Newmarket	48	...	...	...	...
272	246	Rathbone Bro	273	...	6.0	2.8	16.5
28	17	Rutland Tst	21	...	0.8	4.8	—
330	255	S & U	289	+6	10.0	4.8	—
67	48	Singer & Fried	64	...	2.6	5.1	—
938	738	Sotheby	783	...	...	4.0	...
106	83	SIP Capital	102	...	3.0	3.7	18.5

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1950	1487½	Amer Express	1787½	-15½	...	...	...
234	183	Electra	218	...	6.7	3.8	29.7
978	836	Henderson Ad	905	...	43.0	5.7	19.9
121	92	Invesco MIM	111	...	3.0	3.4	—
218	164	Jardine Strat	187½	...	...	3.9	9.2
194	154	MAI	183	...	6.0	4.1	13.3
469	389	MAM	458	+1	11.5	3.1	18.7
799	633	M & G	787	...	20.0	3.2	20.9
225	115	Smith New Crt	217	+4	4.5	2.6	8.6
78	55	Trio Hldgs	78	+2	...	4.8	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	461	AB Food	481	+10	14.0	3.7	10.8
77½	53	ASDA Group	69	+1½	...	2.9	22.3
235	170	Acatos & Hutch	205	...	6.5	4.0	11.8
76	55	Albert Fisher	67†	+½	3.7	7.0	11.2
407	315	Argyll	331	+6	9.7	3.7	13.0
25	12	Ashley Group	18	+2	...	3.9	...
147	127	Assoc Fisheries	132	...	8.0	7.6	—
230	160	Banks (S C)	210	...	8.2	4.9	10.5
403	310	Barr (AG)	374	+2	6.5	2.3	18.9
85	57	Bensons Crsp•	63	-1	...	5.7	14.2
135	112½	Berisford Intl	128	...	...	...	...
455	363	Booker	373	+1	...	7.3	13.2
50	35	Borthwick	45½	...	1.1	3.0	31.7
488	430	Brake Bros	484	+1	6.2	1.6	20.1
51	38	Bodgen	47	...	...	...	...
511	442½	Cadbury-Schw	443	...	...	3.7	16.0
94	78	Carrs Milling	84	...	3.9	5.8	16.8
201	178	Cranswick•	185	...	...	5.1	13.7
20	8½	Cullens	14	+½	0.5	4.5	7.5
384	168	Dalepak	191	-1	6.0	3.9	8.6
491	433	Dalgety	436	...	19.5	5.6	12.8
51	27	Daniels S	51	...	0.2	0.6	...
134	122	Everest	131	...	...	3.3	18.1
295	259	Farepak•	281	...	...	2.1	20.7
10	3	Farringford	7½	...	...	...	...
92	78	Finlay (James)	83	+1	4.1	6.2	13.5
125	78	Fyffes	105	+5	...	1.5	17.4
483	328	Geest	380†	+3½	8.1	2.7	—
12	7	Global•	11	...	...	5.7	17.1
45	43	Grand Central	45	...	1.1	3.3	...
203	147	Hazlewood Fds	197	...	6.1	3.9	11.9
171	131	Hillsdown	159	+1	...	6.9	12.5
750	616	Iceland Frozen	668	-2	10.0	1.9	19.9
131	111	JLI Group	115	...	4.5	4.9	16.6
853	731	Kwik Save	779†	+5½	16.0	2.6	14.9
262	203	Low (Wm)	205†	-½	8.4	5.1	9.9
58	41	Matthews (B)	53	...	2.3	5.3	34.7
16	12½	Merchant Retail	14	-½	1.1	10.0	33.5
174	149	Morrison (W)	150	...	...	0.7	19.5
538	443	Nichols (JN)	508	...	13.6	3.3	14.7
290	242	Nthn Foods	252	+7	...	3.9	13.9
22	14	Nthumbn Fine	14	-1	...	...	5.8
229	172	Nurdin Peack	209	-1	6.1	3.7	—
241	205	Park Foods	234	+5	3.2	1.7	28.0
115	83	Perkins Food	110	...	4.4	5.0	—
96½	47	PizzaExpress	75	...	...	0.8	43.1
3½	1½	Regina Hldn•	3½	...	...	...	...
584	449	Sainsbury J	468	+12	8.7	2.3	17.4
68	33	Senny Farms•	36	...	...	2.2	13.1
225	120	Shus Food	172	...	11.2	8.2	9.3
439	380	Tate & Lyle	382†	+1½	12.0	3.9	12.0
273	216	Tesco	221	+½	7.1	4.0	—
211	167	Thorntons	171	...	3.6	2.7	15.9
183	161	Tranco	175	...	...	2.6	20.0
375	300	Unigate	365	-1	15.3	5.2	13.0
437	340½	Utd Biscuits	434	+5	...	4.4	22.4
25	21	Usborne	21†	-1	0.4	2.4	12.9
337	248	Watson & Phil	304	-1	13.3	5.5	15.9

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
16	16	Abtrin Str Ha	16	...	...	...	...
89	77	City Centre Rest	83	+1	1.5	2.4	—
209	170	Forte	194	+1½	7.5	4.8	—
199	155	Friendly Hotels	166	...	5.7	4.4	—
8	6½	Harmony Leis•	7½	...	...	...	...
110	87	Jurys Hotel	100	...	...	5.8	12.4
215	154	Ladbroke	160	+1	...	8.7	21.1
73	59	Mandarin Orntl	70	...	...	4.5	—
59	44	Queens Moat	47½‡	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
95	83	-do- 7¾ cvpr	85†	...	7.5	11.0	...
2½	1½	Regal Hotels•	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	44½	+3½	3.4	9.7	8.7
24	11½	Ryan Hotels K	18½	+½	...	7.4	11.1
795	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	755	...	7.0	1.2	...
54	34½	Stakis	48½	...	...	1.2	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	178	AAF Inds	198†	...	...	5.6	12.1
616	478	AAH	478	-2	16.3	4.3	15.2
172	140	AIM	141	...	6.3	5.6	8.7
132	100	APV	108	...	5.4	6.3	—
233	81	ASW	233	+16	6.0	3.3	...
155	124	Adwest	155	...	7.0	5.6	22.0
21	10	Aerospace Eng	21	+2	1.0	...	12.8
475	434	Alexon	475	+12	7.5	2.0	13.2
138	113	Alexdra W	136†	...	3.8	3.5	—
17½	7	Allied Radio	7½	+½	...	...	...
529	415	Alumasc	529	...	11.0	2.6	16.2
35	17	Alvis	31	...	1.0	4.0	6.4
430	345	Amber Ind	365	...	17.0	5.8	9.8
33	18	Amberley Gp•	31	...	...	4.0	...
145	135	Andrews Sykes	136	...	4.4	4.1	77.1
891	703	Anglo Amer	846†	-3	...	2.4	—
50½	37	Armour	44½	...	1.4	4.2	13.1
170	143	Ash & Lacy	159	...	6.4	5.0	16.3
7½	2	Ass Br Eng	2½	...	0.0	2.3	...
553	445	Avon Rubber	540	-5	16.5	3.8	21.0
235	168	Assoc Nursg•	216	...	...	...	8.2
687½	541½	Atlas Equip	656†	...	...	4.1	16.5
48	35	Ayrshire Metal	37	...	...	...	...
172	147	BBA	157	...	...	6.0	—
51	28	BLP Group•	31	...	...	...	...
27	13	BM Gp	25	+1	5.0	...	1.1
720	672	BOC	678	+4	23.2	4.3	14.9
79½	65	BSG	62½	...	6.4	...	...
465	353	BSS Group	465	+5	...	4.4	18.6
621	530	BTR	590	+6	...	3.8	19.4
221	188	BWI	193	...	6.7	4.3	18.6
41½	31	Babcock	35	-½	3.1	...	7.3
7½	4½	Bailey (CH)	6½	...	...	...	...
289	241	Baird (Wm)	257	...	8.9	4.3	77.8
1062½	556½	Barlow Rand	587½	...	...	5.9	3.5
7	7	Barrett (H)	7‡	...	2.0	...	16.2
63	48	Baynes (Charles)	58	...	1.4	3.1	—
15	5	Bennon	7	...	1.8	...	...
8½	6½	Beckenhame•	7½	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)•	30	...	...	...	...
27½	19½	Benson Group	20½	-½	0.1	0.6	18.9
707	541	Bespak	545	+1	9.0	2.1	17.0
133	110	Bibby (J)	127	+6	9.7	10.1	7.1
300	129	Billam (J)	224	...	5.0	2.8	—
37½	21½	Bisuit Bnvse•	32	...	...	...	...
11½	6½	Bittec Ind	8½	+2½	0.6	...	...
258	215	Helma	225	...	2.2	1.2	27.8
49	30	Hampson Ind	36	...	2.1	...	9.7
265½	228	Hanson	235½	+4	...	6.1	12.0
221	187	Harris (Philip)	212	...	...	4.0	15.0
186	147	Harrisn Cnfld	175	+1	9.0	6.4	25.3
60	38	Havelock Euro	57	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	33	+1	...	...	...
25	17	Headway	23	...	0.7	3.8	12.1
384	301	Hepworth	384	+11	14.8	4.8	16.5
225	160	Hewitt (J)	230	...	3.0	1.7	17.2
38	15	High-Point	33	-2	1.3	...	...
127	112½	Hill & Smith	125	...	...	5.6	17.4
10	6½	Hobson•	6½	...	...	...	...
107	87	Holders Tech•	107	...	...	7.0	—
44	30	Hopkinsons	43	+1	1.3	3.8	—
167	136	Hornby•	141	...	...	8.0	13.5
13½	6	Hospital Crp	8½	...	...	11.8	2.3
69	54½	Howden	69	+1	...	3.9	10.6
231½	173	Hunting	204†	...	...	6.1	—
1160	808	Huntigh Tec•	1053	+5	...	1.2	—
295	247	IMI	283	+2	10.0	4.4	—
108	90	ISA Intl	97	...	1.5	1.9	15.1
209	179	Inveresk Gp•	184	...	...	1.8	19.5
255	235	Isotron	250	...	3.9	2.0	16.0
495	360	Jardine Math	422	-1	...	2.8	—
537	438	Johnson Mattt	462	-2	9.6	2.6	19.2
64	51	Johnson & FB	51	...	3.0	7.4	15.7
136	104	Johnson	125	...	3.3	3.3	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	24	...	...	...	...
51	18	Jourdan (T)	31	...	0.7	3.1	...
54	26	Kalamazoo	50	...	...	...	41.2
178	73	Kalon	174	-1	3.2	2.3	—
297	253	Kelsey Ind	278	...	13.0	3.8	...
545	465	Kenshaw (A)	530	...	27.0	6.6	26.5
125	75	Kleeneze	122	+4	...	...	...
118	61	LGW•	113	...	3.0	3.3	9.4
303	266	Laird	282	+1	10.5	4.5	—
142	105	Lee (Arthur)	142‡	+6	5.9	5.2	60.3
139	110	Lilleshall	128	...	4.2	4.2	15.8
151	97	Lincat•	148	...	...	4.3	12.8
18½	4½	Lincoln Hse•	18	...	...	...	14.8
128	76	Linread	103	-2	3.7	4.6	15.9
206	170	Linton Park	200	...	14.0	9.3	—
14½	10½	Lionheart	12	...	0.2	2.1	...
19½	15	Locker (T) A	17	...	1.0	7.4	53.5
274	191	Lon Intl	208	...	9.4	5.7	14.1
107	70	Lonrho	107	+2½	...	4.7	...
342	288	Low & Bonar	331	-2	...	3.4	—
343	283	MB-Caradon	300	+3½	8.6	3.6	—
169½	140½	-do- pf	155½	+1½	7.2	5.8	...
35	14½	ML Hdgs	30	...	1.8	...	19.3
35	27	MS Ind	34	...	2.5	8.2	47.5
50	39	MY Holdings	42	...	...	3.0	12.8
283	236	Macfarlane	280	...	4.7	2.4	36.5
430	379	McKechnie	411†	+2	14.7	4.5	20.4
10½	88	McLeod Russel	97	-1	6.0	7.7	11.8
5½	5½	Maddox	5½	-½	...	...	—
74	64	Magnolia	64	...	0.1	0.2	10.3
108	71	Mang Bronze	96	...	1.0	1.3	...
27	22	Marling	23½	...	0.3	...	...
179	124	Mayborn•	165	-1	...	3.8	13.7
54	29	Mayflower	52	+1	...	3.0	—
236	191½	Medeva	202	+6	...	1.3	17.0
105½	88	Meggitt	96	...	...	...	...
130	111	Metalrax	114	...	3.7	4.9	—
81	70	Metsec•	71	...	4.0	4.4	16.8
77	29	Midsmes	34	+4	...	...	...
21½	14	Mining & Ald	20	-½	0.5	3.1	...
488	368	Molins	457	+1	14.0	3.8	—
345	262	Morgan Cble	276	+6	12.6	5.7	—
145	134	Mortin Ashby•	134	...	...	4.4	11.7
31	18	Neepsend	26	+1	1.5	...	...
60	34	Nestor-BNA	53	...	3.1	7.4	12.7
164	122	Nobo Gp	162	...	3.5	2.2	19.8
173	127½	Norcros	172	+4	7.0	5.1	29.5
40	35	Novo Group	39	...	...	1.0	...
329	310	Nu-Swift	320	...	...	7.8	8.8
83	36	Office Clnr Mac	67	...	0.1	0.3	...
39½	21	OMI Intl	24½	...	1.7	8.0	...
140	133	PCT•	133	...	...	7.1	—
46	44	Pacer Systems•	44	...	...	8.3	...
138	110	Pendard	110	...	...	2.8	—
380	310	Photo-Me	356	+1	4.4	1.6	18.1
137	97½	Pilkington	133	+2	6.0	5.6	48.4
32	19	Platons	29	...	...	...	...
79	68	Plenubrook	71	...	3.0	5.4	10.9
150	126	Polypipe	143	...	1.9	1.7	20.7
517	495	Portals	458†	-½	14.5	4.0	—
32	19	Porter Chadbrn	23	...	2.5	13.6	5.7
7½	9½	Porth Gp•	6½	...	...	...	...
376	306	Powerscreen	329	...	6.0	2.3	18.6
30	16½	Prospect Inds	17½	...	0.7	5.4	8.6
54	37½	RPS Group•	53	...	...	5.2	11.7
95	73	Radiant Metal	85	...	...	...	...
148	77	Ransom Ollie	122	...	2.0	...	...
744	636	Rank Org	713	+3	31.0	3.4	19.4
33	23	Ratners	28	...	...	...	...
657	541	Reckitt Colm	580	+4	...	3.5	21.3
77	50	Record	75	...	3.6	6.2	15.7
4½	2½	Reece	4½	+½	...	...	...
174	131	Relyon	174	+7	4.9	3.5	—
303	275	Renishaw	292	...	6.5	2.4	22.1

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
321	280	Kenwood App	310	...	...	3.0	16.4
181	47	Kewill Sys•	152	+4	...	...	7.6
203	100	Kode	183	...	5.5	3.8	21.6
60	16	Laser-Scan•	60	+10	...	...	—
355	122	LIMS•	334	-1	...	...	...
300	240	Lec Refrig	288	...	9.0	4.2	...
179	135	Life Sciences	135	...	3.5	3.3	14.6
227	164	Logica	226	...	3.6	2.0	26.7
54	44	LPA Inds•	45	-1	...	9.8	12.7
212	181	MK Data Mngmt	181	...	4.3	3.0	17.3
673	523	Macro 4	650	-3	...	2.5	21.8
630	527	Meuvier-Swa	594	-4	...	1.9	19.5
3013	1988	Micro Focus	2300	+110	...	...	31.7
227	188	Microgen	193	...	7.2	4.7	13.1
34½	29½	Microvitec•	29½	+5	...	...	...
516	357	Misys	476	...	6.1	1.6	21.7
160	98	Mitel	160	+2	...	...	...
138	108	MMT Compt•	114	...	...	3.9	14.3
27	18	Molynx	18½	...	...	3.5	1.7
272	202	MTL Inst•	218	...	...	2.1	18.4
165	128	Muirhead	128	-4	3.0	2.9	15.7
149	116	Murray Elec	147	...	1.8	1.6	68.3
6412½	5300	NYNEX	5387½	+87½	...	...	...
188	140	Neotronics	158	...	2.6	2.1	20.4
65	42	Newmark (L)	65	+2	...	...	...
114	58	Norbain•	113	+1	...	1.1	16.9
75	28	Northamber	71	+13	0.5	0.9	...
15½	9	Oceonics	11½	...	...	...	7.5
248	195	Oxford Inst	248	...	4.3	2.2	16.5
82	48	P-E Internatl	82	+7	1.0	1.5	...
75	28	P & P	71	...	1.4	2.5	37.3
80	35	Peek	74†	+½	3.4	5.7	19.5
190	115	Psgasus•	187	...	...	4.8	42.3
9000	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9000†	...	...	6.4	...
1050	725	-do- Lmp ov	1000	+12½	...	...	...
452	343	Pifco	449	+2	7.7	2.2	38.0
452	303	-do- 'A' Voting	429	+2	7.7	2.3	36.3
96	65	Plasmec•	65	-1	...	7.5	—
104	70	Pressac	88	...	2.4	3.4	17.8
135	103	Psion•	131	+5	...	2.4	34.8
11	6½	Ptarmigan	10‡	...	...	...	...
234	160	Racal Elect	201	+2	1.5	0.9	23.8
80	45	Radamec	56†	-1	1.0	3.3	—
70	65	Radius•	62	+3	...	3.4	21.4
92	61	Real Time•	84	+7	...	4.5	7.7
24	18	Rivo•	24	...	...	...	...
629	486	Sage Gp	583†	+1½	9.0	1.9	18.7
86	49	Scanronic	64	...	2.9	5.8	20.2
142	117	Scholes Grp	118	...	5.0	5.3	23.2
330	270	Serna Gp	295	...	2.8	1.2	23.8
39	26	Silvermines	35	...	...	8.3	...
45	37	Soundtracks•	44	...	...	6.2	14.8
2437½	1737½	TDK	2300	+9½	...	1.3	21.0
27	4½	TDS Circuits•	14½	...	...	...	...
153	80	Telemetrix	140	+3	0.6	0.5	48.8
899	809	THORN EMI	831	-4	30.1	4.5	21.4
111	96	Thorpe FW	105	...	2.5	3.0	10.8
108	75	Total Systems•	82	...	2.2	3.4	14.6
439	372	Tunstall	405	...	6.0	1.9	18.2
256	164	Unitech	236	-1	5.8	3.1	41.3
11½	6	Verity•	8	...	...	...	...
33½	24	Vistec•	29½	...	...	1.3	25.1
434	367	Vodafone	413½	+1½	...	1.7	20.4
441	368	Volex	389	+1	...	5.8	18.7
22	11	Western Selectn	20	...	...	...	...
255	223	Wholesale Ftgs	253	...	11.7	5.8	34.1

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158	126	Bidby	150	...	...	0.8	...
44	32	Black Arrow	44	...	2.1	6.0	10.5
1½	½	Black & Edgtn•	1½	...	...	...	...
183	136	Black (Peter)	169	+4	2.9	2.2	17.4
196	129	Bluebird Toys•	184	+1	...	3.1	11.5
587	494	Bodycote	564	...	10.0	2.2	—
563	431	Boots	439	+5	...	3.8	16.5
61	45	Booth Inds	50	+1	3.2	8.0	5.2
517	435½	Bowater	473	+7	11.5	3.0	18.7
1682	1395	Bowater Inc	1401†	+38	...	...	...
248	199	Brammer Inds•	239	+3	...	1.9	17.9
19	12½	Brasway	15½	...	0.5	4.7	20.0
268	204	Brammer	255	-1	13.0	6.4	—
18	12	Bridgend Gp	17½	...	1.2	...	7.9
100	64	Bridon	89	...	4.0	5.8	—
70	55	Bridport-Gndry	58	...	4.1	7.5	12.8
40	31	Brierley Inv	34	...	...	9.3	6.4
308	223	Br Bldg & Eng	273	...	...	1.1	...
59	42	Br Mondanck•	49	...	...	...	...
501	417	Br Polythene	501	...	...	2.5	18.0
97	54	Br Steel	95	...	...	1.3	...
120	100	Br Syphon	120	...	3.0	3.1	33.6
14½	11½	Br Thornton	13½	...	...	2.3	...
268	216	Br Vita	231	...	7.1	3.9	14.2
13	6½	Britnm Grp	11	...	0.0	0.3	...
731	588	Broken Hill	627	-1	...	2.8	28.7
109	78	Bromsgrove Ind	102	-1	4.0	4.9	14.1
10½	6½	Brooke Tool	9	...	...	...	...
70	51	Brown & Tawse	68	...	4.7	...	...
118	91	Bullough	107	...	6.0	7.1	18.3
26	18	Business Tech•	17	...	...	...	20.5
28	17	CI Group	25	+1	1.0	5.0	—
25	15	Campbell & Arm	17½	...	2.0	...	...
20½	6½	Cannon St	20	+3½	...	...	...
229	205	Cape	228	...	10.5	5.8	14.5
228	178	Carclo Eng	223‡	...	...	3.8	18.7
2486	2136	Carnaud Md	2388	...	...	2.8	—
78	68	Castidy Bros•	70	...	...	4.3	7.8
187	158	Castings	166	...	4.0	3.1	11.8
145	113	Chamberlin Hill	140	...	6.0	5.4	8.4
707	609	Charter Cons	636	...	21.5	4.2	15.2
270	220	Chemring	258	...	...	4.0	15.5
92	69	Chieftain Gp•	71	...	3.1	9.0	15.2
30	17	Chillington	24	...	0.8	2.6	...
188	144	Christies Int	177	+1	1.5	1.1	—
61	34	Claybithe	56	...	2.5	5.6	...
90	70	Clayton Son	70	...	...	...	...
7	7	Co Designers•	7‡	...	0.2	...	...
400	350	Cohen (A)	350	...	10.0	...	...
223	179	Commonwlth H	181	+1	6.5	4.5	11.3
246	186½	Concentric	220	-1	...	3.2	17.6
176	120	Cook (Wm)	162	+2	10.0	...	10.8
215	182	Cookson	203	-3	...	3.7	—
43	38	Copymore•	43	...	...	2.9	—
238	173	Crowell Pkr 'A'	174	...	5.7	4.1	14.9
178	147	Crosit	158	...	10.7	8.5	24.0
224	180	Creighton Nt•	170	...	...	5.1	12.3
44	27	CrestaCare	42	...	...	...	...
3456½	2993½	Dana	3200†	+46½	...	0.5	1.5	—
770	314	Danka Bu Sys	770	+60	3.7	0.6	23.7
16	5	Davies (DV)•	16	...	...	...	...
711	642	De La Rue	684	-5	15.0	2.7	21.0
23	16	Dinkie Heel	20	...	0.9	5.9	15.9
481	391	Diploma	446	...	9.7	2.7	23.2
65	50	Dobson Park	63	...	5.7	11.4	11.3
98	92	Dyson (J&J)	97	...	5.0	6.4	13.9
65	57	-do- 'A'	65	+1	5.0	9.6	9.3
18	9	EPG•	14	...	...	...	...
421	369	EIS	369	-1	...	3.9	—
15½	9½	EIT Gp•	9½‡	...	...	...	...
28	19	Elbief	25	-1	...	...	...
43	19	Eleco	20	...	3.3	...	11.8
2350	1925	Electrolux 'B'	1962½	+21½	...	2.8	—
66	45	Elliott (B)	59	...	...	...	...
484	424	Eng China Cl	435	+2	20.0	5.7	—
2637½	1550	Ericsson 'B'	2637½	+75	...	1.2	—
76	27	Erskine Hse	35	+1	...	8.1	3.7
44	32	Eurocopy	43	...	1.6	4.7	16.7
82	47	Expamet	77	+5	3.2	5.3	—
635	499	Fairey Group	619	...	10.2	2.1	—
95	53	Fenner	82	...	4.2	6.4	15.5
68	33	Ferrnds Group•	66	...	...	1.9	15.3
1½	¼	Ferrumd•	1	...	...	...	...
29	23	Ferrum	23	...	...	2.5	14.5	15.1
48	28	Fife Indmar	48	...	0.5	1.6	...
251	157	Fisons	174	+4	...	6.3	18.7
53	29	Fitzwilton	46	...	...	11.5	...
255	215	Fogarty	243	...	...	4.2	9.9
43	39	Folkes Group nv	39†	...	1.5	4.8	—
74	56	French (Thomas)	62	+1	3.6	7.3	31.7
210	169½	Frost Group	186	...	4.6	1.3	...
85	71	GEI Int	83	...	7.3	11.0	17.1
499	441	GKN	457	+5	...	5.6	20.4
51	42	GR Hldgs	46	...	...	5.4	...
91	79	Garton Eng	91	-1	4.0	5.7	...
160	109	Gestetner	123	...	8.2	8.3	5.4
36	21	Glaxo	23	...	...	...	16.6
801	545	Glaxo	613	+19½	17.0	3.5	16.9
36	16	Glenchewton	23½	...	...	...	...
311	245	Glynwed	300	...	11.6	5.0	—
95	66	Goode Durrant	95	+2	5.4	7.1	20.1
134	102	Grampian Hd	126	...	5.5	5.5	21.9
406	341	Granada	398	+4	7.3	2.4	21.3
359	301	Great Shine•	359	...	...	3.8	14.8
95	78	Green (Ernst)•	95	...	...	9.2	15.1
14	8½	Greenacres•	12†	+1½	...	2.9	—
17	8	Guardian Grp•	11	...	...	...	...
43	30½	Haden MacLn	42	...	2.0	6.1	—
83	44	Hadleigh Inds•	66	...	...	...	...
220	115	Hall Eng	220	+2	8.6	4.9	18.4

INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1989½	1543½	Alex & Alex	1693½	+68½	...	3.5	...
2275	1787½	Am Gen	1787½	...	...	...	...
45	30	Archer (AJ)	34	...	4.4	16.2	16.5
148	122	Bradstock	125	...	5.1	5.1	15.4
1475	1078	Britannic	1400	...	33.5	3.0	...
641	581	Com Union	620	+1	...	3.2	...
1450	1225	Dom & Gen	1450	...	...	1.6	24.0
22	18	FAI	20	...	...	...	...
615½	546	Gen Accident	573	-2	26.7	5.8	...
195	180	GRE	180	...	7.8	4.9	14.9
370	293	Heath C E	318	...	16.0	6.3	18.7
195	168	Hogg Gp	190	-2	8.1	5.3	—
198	164	JIB Group	190	...	7.5	4.9	19.2
493	409½	Legal & Gen	456	+10	...	5.2	64.1
1026	768	Liberty Life	838	+7	...	3.5	14.3
465	403	Lloyds Abbey	443	+3	17.3	4.9	15.9
295	253	Lloyd Thomp	274	-4	5.6	2.6	20.2
366	274	Londn & Man	343	-2	14.2	5.2	—
362	321	Lowndes Lmb	348	...	12.6	4.5	13.8
6743½	5612½	Marsh McLn	5818½	+37½	...	2.9	...
97	76	Oriel	78	+1	...	8.0	5.7
68	50½	PWS	59	...	4.0	8.5	8.6
342	282½	Prudential	317½	+7	...	4.7	21.2
1138	900	Refuge	1028	...	31.5	3.8	28.5
332	258	Royal	311	+5	6.5	2.7	...
183	153	Sedgwick	165	+1	6.0	4.5	11.9
261	205	Steel Burrill	207	+2	13.2	8.0	—
87	48	Sturge Hldgs	49	...	8.2	21.0	5.0
362	307	Sun Alliance	324	+4	14.2	5.5	...
61	50	Trade Indemnty	58	...	...	...	...
288	239	Transatlantic	284	-3	12.0	5.3	26.3
273	499	Utd Friendly	678	+3	14.5	2.7	—
208	171	Willis Corroon	183	+3	...	4.5	—
20	15½	Windsor	18	...	...	...	14.1

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1708	1548	Alliance	1622	+14	45.0	3.5	—
260	226½	Amer Trust	234	+6	4.9	2.6	48.6
343	304	Ang & O'seas	342	+2	6.8	2.5	43.4
136½	124	BZW Conv	124	...	7.8	7.9	14.5
158	135½	Baulcro	149	+1½	3.4	2.9	41.0
298	264	Baring Tribune	274	...	6.4	2.9	43.3
159	131	Beny Stang	157†	+1	2.2	1.8	...
100½	96½	Br Assets	99½	+½	...	5.4	24.1
67	57½	Br Empire Sec	66¾	+½	0.8	1.7	67.5
17	16	-do- Wnts	16	...	...	...	...
173	156	Br Inv	165	-1	4.5	3.4	41.4
164	130	Contl Asset	155	...	2.4	1.9	51.6
196	144	Derby Inc	144	-1	16.6	14.6	8.7
255	195	-do- Cap	240	+5	...	...	...
119	90	Drayton Asia	116	...	0.7	0.8	...
75	62	-do- Blue Chip	68	...	8.4	16.1	7.3
62	35	-do- Eng Intl	62	+2	1.2	2.4	...
113	86	-do- Far East	111	+1	0.6	0.7	...
109	95	-do- Korea	104	...	0.5	0.6	...
651	577	Dunedin Inc G	593	-2	25.4	5.4	22.3
582	513	-do- Wwide	567	+2	9.5	2.1	58.4
250	222	Dundee & Lon	247	...	12.0	6.1	22.8
50	46	EFM Inc Tst	49	...	4.8	12.4	8.8
57½	51½	-do- Div Ff	52½	+½	...	...	...
224	197½	Edinburgh	206	+1½	8.4	4.0	—
155	147	Electric Gen	154	...	3.1	2.5	49.0
97	85	English Scot	89	-1	...	...	...
253	205	European Asset	241	...	...	3.1	39.6
97	77	Fleeting 'A'	92	...	3.0	4.1	29.6
290	248	Fleming Amer	282	+6	0.7	0.3	...
206	190½	-do- Claver	199	...	...	3.4	39.2
268	212	Do Contl	247	...	2.7	1.4	—
171	147	-do- Entp	169	+1	4.5	3.3	37.9
278	213	-do- F East	272	+1	1.5	0.7	...
306	246	-do- Fledg	297	...	3.0	1.3	...
116	100½	-do- Hi Inc	114½	...	5.8	6.3	19.5
219	136	-do- Japan	213	+1	0.3	0.2	...
271	250	-do- Merc	251	+1	0.7	3.3	—
251	212	-do- O'seas	249	+1	4.0	2.1	57.3
239	203	Foreign & Col	232	+3	3.3	1.9	60.4
210	164	-do- Eurotr	194	...	1.2	0.8	...
100	87	-do- German	95	...	0.4	0.5	...
257	191	-do- Pacific	251	+1	1.9	1.0	—
137½	116	-do- Smaller	136½	+1	...	1.7	88.4
225	145	GT Japan	221	+1	...	0.7	...
118	65	Genl Cons Cap	115	+1	...	...	...
125½	90½	-do- Inc	106	...	...	10.0	10.9
145	115	Govett Am Smlr	116	...	...	...	...
296	194	-do- Oriental	293†	+½	0.9	0.3	—
246	207	-do- Strategy	238†	+2½	0.7	3.5	32.0
373	340	Greenfriar	370	...	6.3	2.1	83.6
10	5	Gresham House	8	...	...	...	...
53	47	Independent Inv	48½	...	0.5	1.3	76.8
134	124	Inv Cap	124†	+½	5.1	5.1	24.9
92	77	IRS UK Smlr	89½	...	1.9	2.9	21.1
183	150½	Kleinwort Chn	171	...	5.0	3.7	33.3
203	176	-do- O'seas	198	+3	3.3	2.1	53.7
128	108	-do- Smlr	119	+1	4.0	4.4	27.6
595	540	Law Debenture	569	...	18.2	4.0	28.4
174	164	Majedie	173	...	...	3.5	33.1
249	221	Mercantile	238	+2	10.6	5.6	22.1
5080	3900	Merrill Lynch	4487½	+50	...	...	...
440	383	Monks Inv Tst	401	...	0.7	2.1	54.0
126	105	Morg Gren Inc	119	...	...	4.8	21.6
37	23	Do Warrants	36	-1	...	...	...
47	39	Murray Euro	44	...	0.1	0.5	—
11	4½	Do Wts	8½	...	...	...	...
315	282	Murray Income	305	+1	...	4.4	29.0
319	265	-do- Intl	290	+1	11.4	4.9	26.1
312	203	-do- Small	250	...	4.0	1.7	83.6
103	96½	-do- S/C Inc	97†	+½	...	13.7	9.5
90	73	-do- S/C Cap	90	...	...	...	...
3060	2750	-do- S/C Uts	2950†	+26½	...	4.5	...
147½	142½	-do- S/C DF	144	+½	...	...	...
260	230	-do- Vent	244	...	10.3	5.3	19.3
71	56½	New Frontier	69	...	0.2	0.5	...
65	48	Nwthrog Inc	78	...	6.7	10.8	10.9
288	249	O'seas Inv Tst	284	+1	2.8	1.2	...
362	285	Pacific Assets	345	...	1.7	0.4	...
264	187	Do Warrants	248	...	...	...	...
8200	7650	Personal Assets	8150	...	...	2.5	48.7
134	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	121	...	1.1	1.2	55.7
125	108	River & Merc	115	...	9.2	10.0	11.5
398	350	Robeco	373	...	...	3.5	...
385	348	Rolinco	364	...	...	2.2	...
240	214	St Andrew Inv	240	...	7.5	3.9	32.3
148½	131	Scot American	138	+½	4.3	4.0	28.9
189	136	Scot Asian	188†	...	...	...	...
345	225	do Warrants	345	...	...	...	...
73	69½	-do- Eastern	69½	+1	1.5	2.7	45.7
201	183	Scottish	192	+2½	4.6	3.0	39.8
201	178	-do- Mtge	189½	+1½	4.0	2.7	—
79½	71	-do- Value	79½	...	...	2.8	56.6
1503	1390	Second Allnce	1430	+14	36.5	3.2	38.1
84½	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	80†	+1	3.2	5.1	—
130	109½	Selective Asset	121	-1	1.2	1.2	43.5
21½	14	Sphere Inv	19½	...	3.1	19.9	6.3
139	112	TR Far East	131	...	4.5	4.3	28.5
140½	125	TR City Of Lon	134	...	4.7	4.4	28.1
141	110	TR Pacific	129	...	0.3	0.3	...
22½	17	TR Property	20½	+½	1.4	...	60.3
69	47	TR Tech Inv	52	...	1.7	4.2	25.8
170	146	TR Smlr Cos	160	+½	3.7	2.9	46.9
315	263	Temple Bar	301	-1	13.3	5.5	22.7
90	69	Thmtn Asian E	85†	+½	0.5	0.7	...
66	54	Throgmorton	65½	+1	2.3	4.4	26.7
418	363	Throg Dual Cp	405	+7	...	...	...
195	178	USDC Invest	191	...	4.5	2.9	35.1
97½	76½	Value Inc Tst	92½	+½	...	4.9	24.4
398	343	Whitbread Inv	385	+5	15.0	3.2	38.8
195	181	Witan	191	+1½	5.6	3.7	33.5

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
345	269	Airtours	291	+2	7.2	3.1	10.3
60	42	Ald Leis	52	+1	4.3	...	14.9
272	194	Anglia TV	271	...	9.2	4.3	—
249	192	Barr & W 'A'	204	...	10.0	6.3	12.7
1200	930	Boosey Hwks	1103†	+9	22.0	2.3	17.9
104	90	Border TV•	94	...	...	3.6	12.3
16½	4½	Brent Walker	11	+½	...	...	...
7½	2½	Buckingham Int	5	...	...	...	...
282	120	Campari	145	+7	12.0	10.3	—
197	171	Capital Radio	187	-3	5.2	3.5	21.8
818	718	Carlton Comm	733	...	17.0	2.9	21.6
200	158	Castle Comm•	181	...	...	5.9	16.5
1873	1613	Central TV	1853†	+8	38.0	2.6	—
90	61	Chrysalis	65	...	...	...	...
610	517	Compass Gp	519	+2	12.3	3.0	14.8
350	218	Eurocamp	242	...	9.7	5.0	10.0
1180	793	Euro Disney	840	-3	...	1.5	...
8	3½	Euro Leisure	4½	...	...	...	...
23	18	Ex-Lands	19½	...	...	...	...
333	245	Fairline Boats	332	+4	10.5	4.0	...
378	320	First Leisure	356	-1	6.1	2.2	24.6
515	298	GWR Gp•	507	...	...	1.7	26.1
194	149	Grampian	173†	-1	6.1	4.4	—
6	5	Greenwich Comm•	5	...	...	...	...
51	19	HTV Group	46	...	...	...	...
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	39	...	5.5	...	3.5
12	5½	Ransick	11½	+½	...	...	...
393	282	LWT CP	392	...	4.9	1.6	—
475	322	Man Utd	451	-1	18.0	5.0	15.5
148	96½	Owners Abrd	101	...	3.5	4.3	8.1
66	23	The Pelican Gp	54	...	...	2.3	18.6
130	55	Prism Leisure•	140	...	...	3.1	12.5
20	16	Quadrant Grp	17	...	4.0	...	2.6
318	291	Radio Clyde•	291	...	...	3.7	22.8
175	132	Ransdens (H)	166	+1	...	3.4	22.0
502	451	Scot TV	480	+1	9.9	2.8	—
60	41	Southern Radio	43	+2	0.7	2.3	17.9
209	168	Stanley Leisure	198	...	...	2.6	16.7
9	5½	Sunleigh•	7½	...	...	...	...
145	135	Sunset & Vine	138	...	3.5	3.2	16.1
420	383	Tanjong	420‡	...	...	0.6	—
221	150	Thames TV	195	...	2.5	1.6	—
2½	1	Ticketing•	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenham Hot	89	...	...	...	2.9
78	44	Trans World•	72	+5	...	1.4	26.3
374	274	Ulster TV	365†	-1½	10.0	3.4	11.2
21	13½	Wembley	18	+1	0.2	1.4	...
35	7½	Whitegate	21	...	...	...	...
175	137	Yorkshire TV	163	-4	12.0	9.2	4.9
108	83	Zetters Gp	107	...	6.8	9.3	10.8

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3650	1800	Am Gold	3650	+46½	...	5.4	18.3
1325	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1300	...	...	7.1	6.1
1800	1125	Ang Am	1800	+50	...	3.8	12.4
18½	8½	Anglo Pac Res•	17	...	...	...	...
101½	33	Blyvoor	96	+1	...	6.4	5.3
30½	18	Bracken	27½	...	...	...	1.4
630	233	Buffels	630	+20	...	6.3	15.9
2	1½	Butte	1½	...	...	...	...
684	546	CRA	586	-4	...	3.6	—
23½	11	Cliff Res	22	...	...	...	...
1150	762½	De Beers	1178½	+6½	...	4.3	15.1
74	37½	Deelkraal	74	+6	...	8.2	4.0
32	7	Doornfontein	32	...	...	...	...
630	388	Driefontein	630	+8	...	5.3	11.5
380	123	Durban	350	+17	...	...	...
98	47	E Rand Gold	92	+5	...	13.0	—
136	62	E Dagga	136	+3	...	...	11.3
232	54	E Rand Prop	230	-2	...	...	...
316	117	Elandsrand	316	+7	...	3.6	7.4
639	292	FS Cons	620	+18	...	8.3	—
32	8	FS Dev	28	...	...	...	...
1388	725	GFSA	1250	+19	...	3.2	18.6
168	125	Gencor	162†	+½	...	6.1	12.6
52½	39½	GM Kalgoorli	50½	-1½	...	2.2	12.4
16½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	15	+½	...	...	...
120	49	Grootvlei	120	+10	...	8.6	7.1
266	78	Harmony	266	+6	...	...	...
292	87	Hartiex	292	...	...	...	11.3
14	8½	Inoco•	9½	...	...	...	...
881	491	Impala Plat	879	-2	...	...	19.8
13½	6	Kenmare Res•	11½	-½	...	...	...
715	332	Kinross	715	+26	...	7.1	7.8
671	319	Kloof	655	-2	...	2.7	11.0
75	35	Leslie	75	...	...	5.7	7.4
60	13	Loraine	58	+1	...	...	...
116½	89	MIM	89½	+½	...	2.6	40.8
1011	820	Minorco	1011	-13	...	3.7	12.0
123½	91	Nth Bdn Hill	109	-1½	...	4.6	—
1662½	610	Orange Free	1662½	+37½	...	7.9	—
708	608½	RTZ	615	+4	19.5	4.2	26.9
550	425	Rand Mines	524	...	...	11.2	2.4
130	83	Rand Mn Prp	122	...	...	14.5	5.6
448	150	Randfontein	430	-8	...	4.1	6.4
163	115	Renison	143	-2	...	3.2	13.9
1112½	830	Rustnbrg	1087½	-25	...	4.2	17.0
510	191	St Helena	510	+11	...	4.7	10.5
1214	475	Southvaal	1170	+13	...	5.0	20.1
78	18	Stilfontein	78	+2	...	8.2	13.4
157	98	Unisel	124	-6	...	2.5	12.0
3800	1800	Vaal Reefs	3800	+100	...	5.8	6.5
434	154	Welkom	434	+10	...	7.4	13.4
117	26	Western Areas	117	...	...	...	...
1600	587½	Western Deep	1437½	...	...	4.4	6.6
247	176	Wstrn Mining	224	+1	...	...	...
762	323	Winkelh	707	+10	...	1.4	5.7
84	56	Zambia Copper	64	...	...	...	...
42	18	Zandpan	42	...	...	...	13.3

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
238	233	Abbey Panels	238	...	...	...	...
125	95	Airflow Stream	117	...	...	0.1	0.1	17.6
116	82	Appleyard	115	...	3.2	5.7	...
280	203	Bleechley Mtr	275†	+4½	8.8	4.0	—
147	120	Bostrom	141	...	6.0	5.3	24.8
338	165	Br Aerospace	328	+9	7.0	2.7	...
328	303	Caltyns	303	...	11.5	4.7	40.4
9½	4½	Coverdale	7½	...	...	...	...
130	98	Central Mtr•	126	...	...	4.0	32.0
26	18	Cook (DC)•	23	...	...	...	...
235	156	Cowie (T)	225	...	6.2	3.3	17.9
110	86	Dag Motors	105	...	5.7	6.8	—
147	106	Davnport Veni	147	...	4.0	3.4	18.1
254	155	ERF	206	...	4.0	...	...
117	92	European Mtr	107	...	...	1.8	...
292	208	Evans Halshaw	272	...	11.2	5.2	41.9
390	226	FR Group	272	...	7.3	3.4	—
3609½	2843½	Ford Motor	3550†	+18½	...	...	...
2875	2147½	General Mtr	2562½	...	...	2.0	...
51	38	Gowrings	50	...	...	2.0	5.0	—
138	85	Henlys	138	+2	3.0	2.7	...
875	650	Honda Motor	803	-9	...	0.7	...
26	15	Jacks (Wm)	23	...	...	...	...
106	66	Jessups	106	+10	4.5	5.3	...
138	97	Kwik-Fit	133	-1	3.3	3.1	—
344	281	Lex Service	329	-3	10.6	4.0	—
117	85	Lookers	117	...	6.2	6.6	...
152	126	Lucas	143	...	7.0	6.1	...
274½	224½	Pendragon	261	...	...	3.2	21.1
166	106	Perry Gp	163†	+1½	6.0	4.6	—
153	108	Quicks Group	149	...	4.5	3.8	—
139	90	Rolls-Royce	134½	-½	5.0	4.6	...
148	125	Vardy (Reg)	140	...	4.0	3.6	21.6
183	121	Westland	176	...	4.2	3.0	15.7

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	103	Adscene	133	...	4.0	3.8	14.2
330	325	Black (A&C)	325	...	11.5	5.3	—
608	488	Benheim Gp	530	...	...	2.1	19.6
345	275	Bristol	345	...	11.5	4.2	25.6
9200	7775	Daily Mail	9005	...	13.0	1.8	20.4
9150	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9005	...	13.0	1.8	20.4
305	251	Dorling Kind	254	...	...	1.5	24.3
373	328	EMAP	362	...	...	2.6	21.6
983	873	Euromoney Pb	903	-27	29.5	4.1	20.3
237	170	Harrington K	208	...	4.5	2.7	16.8
358	333	Haynes Pub	308	...	6.0	2.4	13.2
285	238	Headline	285	...	4.5	2.0	—
140	105	Home Counts	125	...	6.0	6.0	—
9½	3	Intl Bus Comms	7½	...	...	...	...
8	6½	Int Cra & Data•	7½	...	...	...	...
530	400	Independent	510	...	...	4.2	...
336	305	Johnston Press	336	...	6.2	1.5	23.2
288	243	Metal Bulletin	226	...	8.0	3.6	19.5
143	88	Mirror Gp	137	+3	...	...	...
373	287	News Corp	331	+½	...	0.3	22.3
240	169	News Intl	220	...	...	0.6	15.2
449	354	Pearson	443	+8	...	3.4	20.8
668	510	Portsmth Sund	658	...	8.6	1.6	16.0
646	618	Reed Intl	640	+5	...	3.1	28.3
148	98	Southnews	145	...	...	3.3	42.7
132	90	Sterling Pub•	132	+4	...	2.4	43.5
370	320	Telegraph	360	...	11.0	3.8	—
825	715	Thomson Corp	795	...	25.4	4.1	—
347	313	Trinity Intl	345	...	8.7	3.2	20.7
39	34	Unit Group•	34	...	...	...	...
610	494	Utd Nwspapr	581	+3	...	4.6	14.5

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18½	6½	Aberdeen Pet•	17½	...	...	...	...
31	17	Aran Energy	31	+1½	...	...	—
32	40	Arcon Intl•	30	+1	...	...	...
61	41½	Aust Oil & Gas	54	...	...	...	...
63	26	Aviva Pet	57	+4	...	...	...
14	9	Beverley	10	...	...	0.6	...
183	145	Br Borneo	149	...	7.1	6.0	4.5
308	278	British Gas	296†	+½	14.2	6.0	14.3
312½	225	Br Petroleum	311†	+6½	10.5	4.2	40.0
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
757	675	Burmah Castrl	722	+4	...	4.3	17.7
39	22	Cairn Energy	36	...	...	...	8.0
288	223	Calor Gp	262	...	12.0	6.2	—
40½	32½	Clyde Pet	38	...	...	...	...
35	27	Copley Res	30	...	...	...	...
14½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	14½	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	486	+8	16.0	4.1	60.0
88	55	Exp Co Louis	69	+5	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	31½	+½	...	1.7	12.0
67	45	Goal Pet	59½	+½	1.4	3.5	4.7
31	18	Gt Western Res	27	+1	...	...	...
135	108	Hardy O & G	135	+3	1.0	0.8	48.6
43	28½	ICI Energy	38	+1	...	...	...
185	141	LASMO	149½	-½	3.3	2.8	39.5
103	63	-do- Units	80	...	9.4	14.8	...
26	14½	Mid Sept Res•	19	+½	...	...	...
46½	34	Monument	45½	...	...	...	...
9½	6	New London	8½	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	31	...	...	1.0	5.0	10.7
35	22	Oil Search	34	...	...	...	...
14½	12	Pelosz	12	...	...	...	...
110	90	Phlt Pet	104	...	...	...	14.4
30½	19	Premier	27½	...	...	...	9.7
115	50	Presidio	108	...	...	...	...
250	200	Ranger	200	...	...	...	...
6000	5190	Royal Dtch Fl	5812½	+46½	...	3.6	13.6
4262½	3600	Schlumberger	4150	+100	...	1.8	...
87	47	Seafield	58	...	...	...	...
605	515	Shell	571	+6	21.9	4.8	17.6
200	185	Sunrise Eng Sv	185	...	...	...	...

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10½	4½	Teredo•	5½	...	...	...	3.4
41	24	Triton Europe	24	...	...	...	5.4
11	6½	Villiers Grp	10½	-½	...	...	...
172	143½	Woodside	156	...	...	2.3	...

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
313	249	API	313	+3	7.5	3.0	27.0
195	144	Arjo Wiggins	187	-4	...	4.3	18.5
502	408	Abbott Mead	499	...	9.3	2.3	—
1½	½	Aegis Group	1½	...	...	...	...
31	13	Aegis Gp	29	...	1.3	5.9	...
212	155	Aspen Comm•	189	+2	...	3.2	17.2
12	7	BBB Design•	12	...	...	...	...
339	234½	Bemrose	335†	+4½	...	4.4	—
33	16	Birkdale	18	...	0.2	1.4	15.2
138	118	Bunzl	128	...	4.0	3.9	—
287	257	CIA Gp	257	...	...	2.1	16.2
254	116	Capital Inds	252	...	4.0	2.0	—
54	44	City of Lon•	50	...	...	8.5	10.5
214	169	Cropper (James)	214	...	3.0	1.8	24.4
6	6	Crown Com•	6‡	...	...	...	...
73	51	Delyn Pckaging	65	...	1.4	2.8	12.9
117	94	Dolphin Pack	104	...	4.5	5.4	—
53	42	Dudley Jenkins•	53	...	...	...	13.7
14½	12½	Elswick	13½	...	0.2	...	11.2
63	41	Fairway Group•	63	+6	...	6.3	18.6
286	271	Ferguson Intl	293	...	12.5	5.3	16.9
105	92	Ferry Pick	105	...	7.5	8.9	—
107	74	Filofax•	100	...	...	0.5	25.0
20	14	Finch	17	+1	...	...	...
100	69	Gibbon Lyons•	90	...	...	6.3	19.4
295	247	Gold Greenless	274	...	...	3.8	22.2
41	20	Goodhead	26	+1	0.5	2.4	...
84	43	Hunterprint	74	-10	...	...	...
186	136	Inveresk	185	...	7.4	5.1	12.3
230	191	Jarvis Porter	230	+2	4.4	2.4	25.1
28	15½	Lopex	27	...	...	...	...
274	175	More O'Ferrall	265	...	13.1	6.2	—
85	48	NMC Group	80	...	1.2	...	15.8
103	66	Osborne & Little	100	...	4.3	5.4	12.8
234	167	Quarto	228†	...	5.3	2.2	—
347	319	St Ives Gp	330†	+1½	5.2	2.0	22.5
198	152	Saatchi	176	...	...	...	...
472	333	Sappi	466	-2	...	7.8	—
19½	11½	Serif•	13½	...	...	...	...
28½	14	Shandwick	17	-½	...	...	...
350	294	Smith David	349	...	9.5	3.4	15.4
295	240	Smurfit (Jeff)	242	+2	...	1.9	—
245	183	Star-Plus	244	...	8.0	4.1	—
24	16½	Taylor Nelson	23½	...	0.3	1.6	—
53	38	VTR•	50†	-1	...	8.5	14.2
74	40	WPP	70	-1	...	1.8	...
125	62	Wace	121	+5	3.2	3.3	—
221	203	Waddington (J)	214	...	7.9	4.6	16.2
659	540	Watmough	659	+1	11.5	2.2	25.9
6½	4½	Wengoma•	5½	...	...	...	20.6
20	12	Widmey Mck•	20	...	...	...	...
74	55	Wood (SW)	70	...	0.2	0.4	...

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66	41	Allied Lon	63	...	3.5	7.0	94.4
61	38	Arcadian	60	...	...	...	...
73	54	Asda	67	...	2.1	4.0	—
139	88	Avonside	125	...	4.0	4.1	—
2637½	2062½	BCE•	2275	+37½	...	...	...
535	396	Bilton	505	...	18.9	4.7	18.3
26	23	Bourne End	26	...	1.0	5.0	...
181	150	Bradford	181	+2	6.4	3.1	16.4
23	12	Bredero	18	...	...	...	1.7
277	176	Br Land	257	...	8.3	3.1	23.7
198	153	Brixton	179	...	8.3	6.0	—
57	45	Burford	56	...	1.7	2.6	—
151	99	Cap & Regnl•	149†	+2	...	0.9	—
150	120	Cardiff Prop	150	+10	2.4	2.0	...
260	196	Chesterfield	245	...	18.5	...	17.3
32	12	City Site Ests	30	...	1.4	...	...
19	12	Clarke Nickolls	15	...	0.3	...	3.6
14	10	Clayform	11	...	...	...	...
1078	818	Daejan	1075	...	25.0	2.9	16.3
3	1½	Darex Estates	2½	...	...	...	...
88	53	Debenham Twsn	70	...	2.5	4.5	28.4
12	4	De Morgan	6	...	...	...	...
108	76	Dencora	107	...	3.0	3.6	...
423	263	Derwent Hldgs	403	...	8.6	2.7	50.2
225	170	Estates Agency	220	...	3.0	...	20.1
27	7½	Estates Gen	14½	...	...	...	...
89	72	Evansbrook	78	...	2.7	4.6	8.3
143	132	Evans Of Leeds	137	-1	4.1	3.8	13.1
24	11	Five Oaks	21½	-½	...	...	...
53	30	Fletcher King	52	...	1.0	2.4	37.6
405	285	Frogmore	381	-2	15.0	4.9	21.5
139	97	Grainger	130	...	5.2	5.0	28.1
170	120	Gr Portland	163	...	10.0	7.7	16.2
19	7	Greycoat	17	...	5.2	...	...
128	101	HK Land	113	+1	...	5.8	—
74	35	Hambro Cntyw	73	...	...	...	...
417	277	Hammerson	329†	-½	10.0	3.8	—
383	245	-do- 'A'	293†	+½	...	4.3	—
196	127	Helical Bar	196	+3	...	3.1	...
26	19	Hemingway	21	...	...	...	...
135	59	Herring Baker	99†	-½	3.7	7.9	—
155	133	Jermyn	138	...	1.5	1.4	...
540	435	Land Sec	540	+9	21.7	5.0	16.4
91	73	Lon Merch Sec	85	-2	3.8	5.6	13.5
4½	1½	Lon & Metro	3	...	...	...	...
418	324	MEPC	408	+4	20.0	6.1	17.1
7½	5	McInerney A	7½	...	...	...	...
110	90	McKay Secs	104	...	6.7	...	17.1
7½	3	Markheath	4½	...	0.5	...	...
49	12	Marlwale Mrt	40	+1	1.0	...	...
8	5	Merlin Intl	5‡	...	...	...	...
35	30	Moorfield Est	30	...	...	...	...
880	775	Mountview	880	...	18.0	2.7	8.2
139	112	Mucklow (A&J)	133†	...	5.9	5.6	11.1
40	30	Olive Hldgs	31	...	9.0	...	4.7
10½	4	Ossory Est	9½	+1½	0.1	...	1.5
123	88	Prop Security	115	...	3.7	4.1	22.9
201	138	Peel	173	...	3.0	2.2	...
18	8	Power Corp	12	...	...	...	1.3
36	22	Property Trust	26	...	...	...	...
2½	1½	Raglan	2½	...	...	...	...
29	11	Regalian	28	+1	1.5	6.7	5.5
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	110	...	1.3	1.5	23.4
36	16	St Modwen Prp	31	...	0.6	2.4	21.6
61	39	Savills	56	...	...	...	...
60	34	Scot Met	55	...	1.5	...	...
83	39	Shaftesbury	74	...	...	...	...
14½	5	Shield	12½	...	...	...	...
36	17	Sinclair Gldsm	35‡	...	...	1.9	...
198	139½	Slough Estates	174	+3	...	5.8	12.2
74	58	Southend Prop	67	...	4.1	7.8	33.8
16	7	Speyhawk	13½	...	...	...	...
27	16	Stanhope Prps•	25	...	...	...	...
157	114	Tops Ests	154	...	2.0	1.6	39.1
101	79	Town Centre	100	...	3.1	3.9	18.7
65	43	Trafford Park	57	...	2.5	5.6	15.4
38	8	UK Land	21	-1	...	...	...
9½	4	Union Square	6½	...	...	...	...
217	180	Warner	209	...	10.5	6.5	13.5
199	168	Warnford	188	...	7.2	4.8	13.1
8	5½	Waterglade	7	-½	...	...	...
53	35	Wates	51	...	0.7	1.9	...
70	40	Wood John De	70	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	11	Automagic•	18	...	...	...	...
137	86	Headlam	137	+5	...	2.4	—
300	330	Lambert	345	...	13.0	4.7	—
100	78	Pittard Garnar	79	...	2.0	3.2	21.6
30	23	Strong & Fisher	27	...	1.0	4.6	7.5
150	89	Stylo	133	+2	3.0	2.8	—
55	53	UK Safety	55	...	...	23.8	1.8

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
485	408	Allied Text	458	...	12.6	3.4	14.7
69	54	Beckman (A)	55	...	4.7	...	10.9
27	21	Bolton Gp	25	...	...	...	12.7
165	141	Br Mohair	155	...	8.5	6.9	—
153	89	Celestion	142†	+½	1.4	1.2	...
30	15	Charnwell•	20	...	0.4	2.5	...
345	298	Claremont Ga	335	...	7.2	2.7	20.9
601	533	Courtauld Text	533	...	13.6	3.2	14.6
57½	24½	Cupid•	33	...	...	13.5	3.9
248½	221	Dawson	228	-1	9.0	4.9	22.2
30	22	Drummond	21	-1	1.5	...	7.7
37½	27	Dunkeld	27	...	...	...	...
72	65	Foxpole•	68	...	...	9.0	6.7
34	15	Foster (John)	19	...	0.5	3.3	...
98	82	Gaskell	98	...	4.2	5.9	...
186	156	Hicking Pntcst	173	...	3.4	2.5	14.7
59	45	Jerome (S)	52	-1	...	...	...
336	249	Lamont	336	+1	12.0	4.6	—
434	353½	Leeds	434	...	...	2.1	21.0
42	15	Lister	37	...	0.1	0.3	...
122	79	Lyles (S)	78†	-½	4.9	7.8	9.0
115	69	Parkland 'A'	115	+3	10	11	...
97½	82	Readicut	97½	...	3.4	4.4	16.3
23	35	SEET	41	...	...	...	...
94	72	Sirdar	84	...	5.1	7.3	14.8
60	44	Stirling Gp	60	...	1.6	3.4	22.0
51	42	Stoddard	42	...	2.6	7.8	11.2
310	250	Tomkinsons	301	...	11.5	4.8	28.0
62½	37½	West Trust	41	...	...	7.6	...
417	252	Yorklyde	407	-1	10.4	3.3	—

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1014½	823	BAT	880	+17	...	5.3	19.0
690	584½	Rothmans 'B'	643	+7	10.2	2.0	14.7

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
408	349	Assoc Br Ports	407	+1	8.5	2.6	...
813	732	BAA	745	-5	14.8	2.4	13.1
311	260	Br Airways	295½	-15½	...	4.5	7.9
81	56	Clarkson (H)	61	+3	1.5	3.1	...
25	23	Davies Newman	23‡	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	410	...	...	...	...
51	44	Fisher (James)	49	...	1.0	2.6	13.2
138	126	Graig	128	...	4.5	4.4	...
178	147	HM Steam	178	+5	...	5.6	9.3
33	24	Jacobs (JI)	33	...	0.5	1.9	...
70	41	Lon O'seas Frt	70	...	1.2	2.0	4.8
2250	1262½	Manchstr Sh	2100	...	4.5	0.3	11.5
340	280	Mersey Docks	332	-1	7.3	2.8	21.3
210	181	Natl Express	202	+2	...	4.4	—
284	238	NFC	241	+3	6.5	3.3	18.0
302	244	Ocean Group	272	+1	14.3	6.0	...
53	40	Ocean Wilson	53	...	...	6.3	11.8
627	504	P & O Dfd	560	+11	...	6.8	18.0
140	122	P & O 5 1/2%	140	+1	...	4.9	...
536	448	Powell Duffryn	520	...	22.6	5.4	20.8
138	117	Sea Cont•	134½	-3	...	4.8	8.4
41½	24	TIP Europe	41½	...	1.4	4.2	10.1
45½	31½	TNT	40½	-1	...	...	...
795	624	Tibbet & Britn	720	...	11.5	2.0	—
282	173	Tiphook	249	+3	19.3	8.7	4.9
298	251	TLG	251	...	9.5	4.7	—

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
553	460	Anglian Water	494	...	19.3	4.9	9.0
652	547	Northumbrian	600	-2	20.5	4.3	6.2
533	464	North West	496	+4	19.6	5.0	8.7
533	439	Severn Trent	492	+3	19.3	4.9	7.1
554	434	Sthrn Water	491	...	19.5	5.0	8.7
1325	1225	Sth Staffs	1320	...	...	...	...
549	467	South West	513	+2	21.7	5.3	7.8
563	468	Thames Water	504½	+½	19.2	4.8	9.5
612	506	Welsh Water	567	+5	21.4	4.7	6.5
640	536	Wessex Water	591	...	...	4.1	8.0
593	506	Yorkshire W	534	+2	19.5	4.6	8.7

Source: Finstat

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Youth business trust gets a cash boost

BY DEREK HARRIS

A DRIVE by the Prince's Youth Business Trust to help small business creation in London's East End has gained additional momentum from a cash initiative by Lehman Brothers International (LBI).

LBI is the European arm in the corporate finance and capital markets of Lehman Brothers, the investment bank that is part of the American Express group.

LBI has put up an initial £50,000 for this year so that the trust and two other local organisations can help young people to develop business-related skills and get themselves launched. Another initiative is a series of conferences to bring young people abreast of business affairs.

The Lehman initiative is specifically aimed at the Tower Hamlets area, and the trust will use its half share of the cash to encourage more people to set up in business there. The trust expects to get a total of £100,000 from Lehman over a four-year period. That should be enough to establish about 50 businesses.

Lehman is the latest company to put up cash to establish businesses in specifically targeted areas. Whitbread and Sun Alliance are among those already giving help.

The trust has designated Tower Hamlets as a priority area especially to help would-be entrepreneurs among ethnic minorities. Since 1989, it has been funding, on average, 13 businesses a year in Tower Hamlets. It is one of 11 boroughs in the trust's east London area, which, in the past 12 months, has assisted a total of 80 businesses.

The trust aims to help especially the disadvantaged to get into business or to expand. Grants of up to £1,500 are available to help to meet start-up capital costs, such as buying a vehicle or equipping an office. Additionally, "soft" loans go up to £5,000.

Until now, the trust has aimed to help those aged between 18 and 25. However, the upper limit will be raised to 29 in July, so the trust expects to be helping more to start up their own businesses.



"This is the weedkiller on my green shoots of recovery."

Good luck cards did the trick

BY RODNEY HOBSON

REDUNDANCY was a particularly heavy blow for Jane deFaye-Shailes. She had worked in the gift wrapping and greetings cards business for 16 years and it was the only trade she had ever known.

So she took a careful look at the good luck cards she received when she lost her job. She saw them as her future. After years on the road between Southport and Bristol, selling wrapping paper for another company, she decided to sell for herself.

"I had decided over the years that I wanted to run my own greetings card shop," she says. "I did try to find other jobs but because I had spent so long in one trade, it was difficult to get work elsewhere.

"I am not the sort of person who can just sit around. I decided to do something for myself by opening a shop, even though it was probably the wrong time to do it."

Miss deFaye-Shailes was living in Hednesford, Staffordshire, and was delighted to find premises in Hamstead, a closely knit community where she had once lived, six miles from the centre of Birmingham.

Many of her friends lived in the district and they helped her with market research. She discovered that although one or two shops, such as the post office, carried some cards, no one offered a wide range.

The nearness of Birmingham, West Bromwich and Walsall was no disadvantage, her contacts told her. "People said they did not want to go into the centres because they were too big, too busy and too pricey. They said my shop would be just what the village needed."



Gift of success: friends helped Jane deFaye-Shailes to research the potential market for her shop

While she was sorting out the details of the lease on the premises she had found, Miss deFaye-Shailes attended a one-day awareness course organised by Birmingham Venture, an enterprise agency that is run by the city's chamber of commerce.

"I thought I had got everything covered because I was so far down the line with my arrangements," she says, "but the awareness day really opened my eyes about what lay ahead and how vital it was to have a good business plan and get the financial planning right."

She was accepted on Birmingham Training and Enterprise Council's new business programme and given a £40-a-week allowance for her first year of operation. The shop opened last October. She feels that those who dropped out of the awareness course after the morning session made a mistake. "The morning session did cover a fair bit I already knew but the afternoon session got down to essential detail.

"I was amazed to hear people making excuses to leave at midday. They were muttering about how they knew better. I can see now how wrong they were. Sadly, they will probably learn it to their cost."

BRIEFING

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Getting their act together

David Faulkner argues that the principles of the Criminal Justice Act are sound and should be preserved





Critics of the the 1991 Act: Lord Taylor, the Lord Chief Justice, and Kenneth Clarke, the Home Secretary

Kenneth Clarke, the Home Secretary, has agreed to change the Criminal Justice Act 1991 to end some of the "absurd decisions" made in the courts. The act has attracted wide criticism. Yet it was the outcome of five years of consultation. What went wrong?

Legislation and practice on sentencing had developed piecemeal for several years. Successive acts had changed the forms of sentence available to the courts and the conditions for their use. The Court of Appeal had issued a series of guideline judgments on sentences for some of the most serious offences, and other important rulings on such matters as the account to be taken of previous convictions or related offences. The Magistrates' Association had issued its own guidelines on sentences in magistrates' courts.

Several themes were common. Custody was to be avoided where possible, unless justified by the seriousness of the offence or by the need to protect the public when longer sentences might be needed. An offender should not receive a disproportionately severe sentence simply because of his or her previous record (although a good record could count in mitigation).

Good sentencing practice was thought to reflect these themes. But they were not always clearly stated, well understood or consistently applied. Courts could pick and choose their objectives for a particular sentence and take different approaches to such matters as the offender's record. The courts were consequently criticised for inconsistency.

There was also concern that custody was sometimes being used unnecessarily. Comparisons with the lower use of custody in other European countries, especially for those aged under 21, may have had some influence; but more important was the belief that custodial institutions could have a criminalising effect. Demanding and well-managed programmes in the community could be equally effective as a punishment. Nor could the government ignore the problem of prison overcrowding.

Other problems were confusion about the status of community penalties — community service was an "alternative to custody", and probation an "alternative to a sentence", but it was not clear what either description meant in practice. Fines were still an effective penalty, but their use was declining because of the inability of people on low incomes to pay fines at what was considered a realistic level. There was also concern at the apparently derisory level of fines imposed on comparatively wealthy offenders.

The government put forward its proposals in green and white papers between 1988 and 1990. The aims were to:

- Resolve the anomalies and muddles in sentencing;
- Reduce the use of custody for less serious and especially young offenders, but with longer sentences for serious violent and sexual offences;
- Establish a credible position for community sentences as penalties in their own right;
- Achieve more stability in prison populations.

These aims could not be achieved by government exhortation, which the courts would have resented; or by the courts themselves, which could only deal with individual cases as they came before them and which would in any event have seen them as a political rather than a judicial matter. The authority of Parliament was needed, expressed in legislation to establish an up-to-date framework of sentencing principles and a new structure for community sentences and fines.

The principles chosen by the government and recommended to Parliament drew on existing legislation and on the existing appeal court rulings. They were that sentences should be proportionate to the seriousness of the offence, that more severe sentences could be imposed if they were needed to protect the public from serious harm from the offender, that the circumstances of other offences were to be taken into account where they were relevant to the seriousness of the offence and that fines should be related to the offender's means.

Three problems emerged:

- The new set of provisions was seen by critics as clumsy and restrictive;
- Although there had been consultation on the policy's development, there was little on the drafting of the legislation;
- The statutory rules for applying the new system of fines produced big differences in the amounts to be paid according to the calculation of the offender's income. Some fines seemed out of proportion to the seriousness of an offence.

The criticisms have focused chiefly on the act's treatment of previous and related offences, and on its provisions for means-related fines. Neither of these criticisms acknowledges the extent to which the act reflects previous legislation and guidelines, or the courts' considerable flexibility and discretion in applying the new law. The principle that previous convictions should not of themselves result in a more severe sentence for a new offence was already established in existing jurisprudence.

There may now be a case for expressing the provisions on previous and related offences more flexibly, and for modifying the rules for assessing disposable income for the purpose of unit fines. But the principles remain sound and should be preserved in whatever changes are made.

● The author was a deputy secretary at the Home Office during the formulation of the Criminal Justice Act.

Now you can judge us for yourself

Next Sunday night BBC2 will broadcast an important documentary about the way in which the judiciary is trained for its responsibilities. Amy Hardie's *Inside the Wig: Thinking Like a Judge* will make a significant contribution to public understanding of, and debate about, the judiciary's role.

In *The Judge* (1976), Lord Devlin wrote that when he was first appointed to the High Court bench in 1948, he had not appeared in a criminal court since his early days at the Bar. "I had never been inside a prison except once in an interviewing room. Two days after I had been sworn in, I was trying crime at Newcastle Assizes . . ."

Half a century later, judges receive more training for their responsibilities. The first step on the judicial ladder is appointment as an assistant recorder. The barrister or solicitor who satisfies the Lord Chancellor's department as to his or her suitability for appointment (a topic that deserves a separate television programme) attends a four-day training course. After spending a further week sitting in court with a senior judge, and after visiting a prison and discussions with the probation service, the new assistant recorder is then let loose on the public, trying jury cases in the crown court for four weeks a year.



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Ms Hardie obtained the permission of the Lord Chancellor's department to film the four-day training course for assistant recorders. She follows the progress of five new appointees as they receive guidance from more experienced judges in how to deal with the problems of legal substance and procedures which they will face during a trial.

Inside the Wig is an intelligent and fair portrayal of the training course, illuminating its strengths and indicating its weaknesses. We are shown, in great detail, the very real assistance received by the trainee judges in the form of lectures and tutorials from senior judges and academic lawyers on the difficult questions of judgment (moral and social, as well as legal) which will need to be made on who to send to prison and for how long, on the importance of seeking to promote public confidence in the criminal justice system while being prepared to make unpopular decisions if they are legally right and on the need to understand the ethnic diversity of our society.

The film will encourage the public to understand that those who sit in judgment, whether new recruits or more senior judges, are conscientious, keen to promote justice and acutely aware of the difficulties of the task they perform. Judicial infallibility is no part of modern legal thinking. The training course is very different from the "charm school" offered to judges in Illinois a few years ago, in which the theme was, "Be a Judge. Call the shots. You are what you wear".

It was a brave decision by the Lord Chancellor's department to allow such access by the cameras, especially in the light of the unhappy experience of some judges who suffered from what some considered the unfair editing of a television documentary with which they had co-operated. The programme is strong evidence that if you allow the public to see what judges actually do, you will promote rather than detract from the reputation of the judicial system.

Ms Hardie's film identifies the main defects of the present system of judicial training. A four-day course is inadequate to provide more than a basic knowledge of the ever-growing intricacies, and absurdities, of the criminal law, including procedure, evidence and sentencing under the Criminal Justice Act 1991.

Many of those who are being trained as assistant recorders practise as family lawyers, commercial lawyers or in other fields far removed from the Old Bailey or any other Crown Court.

There remains more than a little truth to Theo Mathew's *Forensic Fable* about the Regius Professor who tries, unsuccessfully, to explain to the King of the Upper and Lower Cannibal Islands the superiority of our system of justice in which "divorce cases were usually tried by lawyers who had been trained exclusively in the Admiralty Court". There is need for an informed debate on whether the work done by the Judicial Studies Board should be developed by the creation of a Judicial Training College at which new recruits (full-time or part-time) would spend rather longer than four days learning the skills required for the profession which they are joining.

Judicial pronouncements tend to receive newspaper publicity in inverse proportion to the wisdom they contain. The excellent news reporting of the BBC legal affairs correspondents on television and radio is handicapped by their inability to take cameras and tape recorders into court. Hence the public perception of the judge too often remains what George Orwell described in 1940: "Some gouty old bully with his mind rooted in the nineteenth century."

One of the challenges for lawyers in the 1990s is to remove misconceptions about who we are and what we do. The virtue of Ms Hardie's documentary is that what you see is what you get.

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The political genesis of the act . . . and a defence of it by a justice's clerk

'Don't blame the officials'

It was in the moated splendour of Leeds Castle in Kent in 1987 that the process leading to the Criminal Justice Act started. Douglas Hurd called his policy advisers and Home Office ministers to a meeting to plan the department's strategy for the Parliament only weeks after the general election.

The aim was to reduce crime, keep less serious offenders out of prison, satisfy public demand for a crackdown, by tougher sentences on sexual and violent crimes and to achieve greater stability in the prison population.

Although David Faulkner, then deputy secretary in charge of the criminal department, was a key figure in driving the policy forward, political sources deny that successive Tory home secretaries were taken in by the "liberal" ethos said to permeate the Home Office. "It's crazy to blame the officials," one source said. "Mr Hurd fully supported the twin-track approach of tough sentences for serious offenders and punishment in the community for less serious offenders."

There were persuasive arguments supporting the strategy. Ministers were convinced by research indicating that prison did little but make "bad people worse", but the Treasury was alarmed at the cost of locking up people. There was also a fear of disturbances in crowded jails and a belief that the government could not take on the Prison Officers' Association. Disquiet was also growing over sentencing inconsistencies. Daily planning of the policy was left to John Patten, who emphasised the toughness of community-style punishments and insisted that parents take responsibility for children's criminal activities.

By the time David Waddington succeeded Mr Hurd as Home Secretary, the bill's outline had been prepared, and Mr Waddington left little imprint on the measure.

In Parliament, the Bill, drafted by civil servants led by Robert Fulton, met little opposition. Preparations for the act's implementation were led by Joan MacNaughton, who has since become Kenneth Clarke's principal private secretary and will see much of the paperwork dealing with efforts to change unit fines and the controversial section dealing with offenders' previous convictions.

RICHARD FORD

'Criticism is often unfair'

The attacks on the act are in many ways astonishing. It is the product of years of consultation and thought, and is based mostly on pre-existing principles. The act places the courts in a difficult position. Until there is further legislation, they must administer a law that the responsible minister says requires revisiting and changing. What will this do to judicial confidence in the executive?

Have critics fully understood the discrimination the act permits between a "one off" and a frequent offender? A good record entitles the defendant to a "discount", but committing more offences results in the progressive loss of this mitigation until the offender eventually receives the maximum the crime deserves.

What would the Home Secretary put in its place? Does he favour ever-increasing punishments, even for minor offences? This would lead to a larger prison population of persistent, petty offenders.

The objection of Lord Taylor, Lord Chief Justice, that the act fetters judges' discretion and puts them in a "straitjacket" is also unclear. There are some arbitrary rules, principally on the main sentencing thresholds. Many offenders appear before courts on numerous charges. The act states, however, that when deciding whether a case is "serious enough" for a community service sentence or so serious that only a custodial sentence can be justified, the sentencer may aggregate no more than two of the present offences. But even these provisions do no more than prescribe the approach. Parliament deliberately did not identify where any sentencing band should start or end, leaving that to courts.

Few of the act's other provisions could be fairly described as limiting discretion. The act does *not* state what the sentence should be in a given case. It merely imposes a test of seriousness to ensure that the penalty is in proportion to the harm done and the offender's culpability for it.

I do not claim that the act has no faults; the unit fine system, in its present form, has deserved to be criticised. But the act has received more criticism that it deserves. Parliament must show restraint in rectifying the defects — or risk a return to inconsistency.

ADRIAN TURNER

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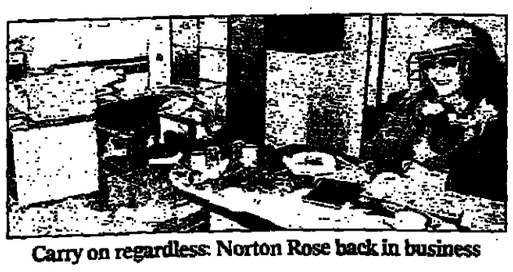
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Summing up

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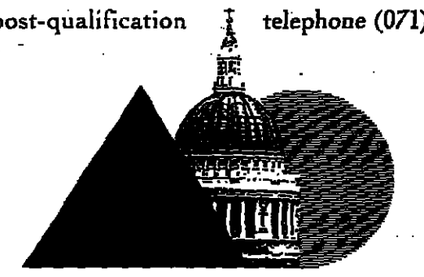
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Assignee entitled to compensation

Deposit Protection Board v Dalia and Another

Before Lord Justice Russell, Lord Justice Simon Brown and Sir Michael Fox

[Judgment May 6]

An equitable assignee of the whole or part of a bank deposit with an authorised bank under an assignment made before July 30, 1991 was *prima facie* entitled to compensation from the Deposit Protection Board as a depositor under section 58(1) of the Banking Act 1987.

The Court of Appeal so held, Lord Justice Simon Brown dissenting, when dismissing an appeal by the second defendant, Barclays Bank plc and a cross-appeal by the plaintiffs, the Deposit Protection Board, against a judgment of Sir Donald Nicholls, Vice-Chancellor (*The Times* July 9, 1992; [1992] 3 WLR 945) whereby he declared in favour of the first defendant, the claimant, Mrs Varsha Dalia, on a point of law raised by all three parties as to the liability of the Deposit Protection Board to assignees of deposits with the Bank of Credit and Commerce International SA under assignments made between July 5, 1991 when a petition to wind up the bank was presented and July 30, 1991 when the Banking Act 1987 (Meaning of Deposit) Order (SI 1991 No 1776) was made.

Section 58 of the Banking Act 1987 provides: "(1) ... if at any time an institution becomes insolvent ... the board shall as soon as practicable pay out of the fund to each depositor who has a protected deposit with that institution an amount equal to three-quarters of his protected deposit."

By section 60(1) the protected deposit was limited to a maximum of £20,000.

Mr Michael Brindle, QC and Mr Bankim Thanki for Barclays Bank, in a representative capacity; Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC and Mr Philip Sales for Mrs Dalia, also in a representative capacity; Mr John Jarvis, QC and Jonathan Nash for the Deposit Protection Board, supporting the appeal.

LORD JUSTICE SIMON BROWN said the board administered a scheme under the 1987 Act to alleviate hardship when a bank became insolvent. The present difficulty had arisen because the Act contained no definition of "depositor". More particularly the question was raised whether the assignee of part of a bank customer's deposit was a depositor within the meaning of section 58(1).

Following the Bank of England announcement that it was seeking a winding-up order against BCCI, some 50 or more depositors, acting on the advice of an enterprising firm of accountants, had signed transfers from their deposits in favour of relatives and friends totalling several million pounds.

A person with a bank account of, say, £100,000 could assign £20,000 to each of five friends who could be trusted, so that the total compensation payable by the fund would be £75,000 rather than £15,000. On July 30, by statutory instrument (SI 1991 No 1776), the government excluded assignments made after the presentation of a winding-up petition from the Deposit Protection Scheme.

The question of law involved was to be answered on the assumption that the assignments were genuine and valid transactions and that there was no arrangement or understanding that an assignee would hold for the assignor any compensation received by him from the fund.

Barclays Bank had originally argued that the person to whom the bank was liable under section 58(1) must also be the person who made the deposit in the first place. But that construction was unsatisfactory because in the case of statutory assignments it would have excluded both the deposit maker and the assignee and because it would have made compensation impossible for the trustee in bankruptcy of an insolvent account holder and for the executors or personal representatives of a deceased account holder.

It seemed singularly improbable that Parliament intended to exclude those categories from protection. Given that the claimant need not be the original deposit maker, what had to be the nature of his entitlement against the bank to make him a "depositor" qualifying for protection under the scheme?

Lord Irvine contended that a depositor was anyone directly entitled in law or equity as against the bank to moneys standing on deposit, including equitable assignees. Barclays and the board contended that depositors were only those to whom the bank owed a legal liability.

The authorities supported the proposition that an assignment of part of a debt could take effect only as an equitable assignment, the assignor remaining the legal owner of the relevant chose in action. Once notice of an equitable assignment was given to the debtor he could not thereafter deal inconsistently with the assigned interest, for instance by making payment to the assignor.

However, the assignee could not give a good discharge in respect of the assigned part of the debt nor could he sue the debtor to judgment without first joining the assignor as a party. Conversely the assignor had to join the assignee in any proceedings brought against the debtor.

His Lordship rejected Lord Irvine's argument that once notice of an equitable assignment was given to the debtor he ceased to be liable at all to the assignor. There remained a legal liability to the assignor, although one which the debtor met only at his peril. Nor could his Lordship accept the argument of Mr Jarvis that the bank had no liability in law to the assignee.

Both the assignor and the assignee were persons to whom the bank might properly be said to be liable in respect of the assigned part of a debt. Given that in respect of that sum there could only be one depositor, the question became which, the assignor or the assignee?

His Lordship set out the competing arguments and concluded that the differences between legal and equitable assignments were decisive. They were:

First, that whereas after a legal assignment only one person, the assignee, could be said to have any entitlement against the bank, in the case of an equitable assignment the bank remained in different ways liable to both assignor and assignee.

That was not merely a technical distinction, its consequence was that whereas to exclude legal assignees from the scheme would leave no one entitled to protection in respect of the assigned account, in the case of equitable assignments, the assignor could still claim.

Second, even after the assignment of part of a credit balance, there remained but one single debt owed by the bank, which was why the transaction could not be by way of statutory assignment in the first place.

In his Lordship's judgment it was easier to describe as a "depositor" under the scheme the new, legal, owner of an entire credit balance, than the new equitable creditor of part only of that balance. To describe the equitable assignee as a depositor would mean that in respect of one single debt there would be two or more quite distinct "depositors" under the Act.

Third, it was well nigh inconceivable that anyone would assign part of a bank balance for any other reason than to circumvent the limitation on recovery under the statutory scheme.

His Lordship concluded that only those to whom the bank was legally liable were depositors under the scheme and the sum of the depositor's legal, rather than equitable, claims against the bank delimited the size of his protected deposit under section 60(1).

His Lordship would have allowed the appeal, but since the other members of the court had taken a different view the appeal would be dismissed.

LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL recognised that the differences between legal and equitable assignees were real but did not consider that in the context of the case they justified a fundamental distinction being drawn so that the board was liable to one and not the other.

Had there been no insolvency, each and every equitable assignee could have sued the bank to judgment if the bank, on demand, had declined to pay out whatever sum had been assigned to the individual assignee. The bank, once given notice of the assignment, would have had no defence, even if it had paid the assignor any part of the sum assigned without the authority of the assignee.

In his Lordship's judgment the scheme of the Act was that the board, as compensating authority, should stand in the shoes of the defaulting bank and he could see no reason why, subject to the financial limit, it would be in any better position *vis-à-vis* equitable assignees than the bank would have been but for the insolvency.

What had been done was plainly a device, but no argument had been addressed to the court that because the assignments were a device they did not attract protection. The board had reserved its position as to the true nature of the transactions and that might or might not lead to a different result on full trial.

His Lordship took the view that the Vice-Chancellor had been right to make the declaration that he did and the appeals would be dismissed.

SIR MICHAEL FOX, agreeing with Lord Justice Russell, said that an equitable assignee of a debt or part of a debt who had given proper notice of the assignment to the debtor, could recover the assigned amount from the debtor by an ordinary action in the courts.

He had to join the assignor as a party. That was merely for the protection of the assignor in case there were defences he could raise to the validity of the assignment. A legal assignee could sue without joining the assignor as a party.

In his Lordship's judgment, the rights conferred by the general law upon an equitable assignee were not sufficiently different from those of a legal assignee to justify the conclusion that an equitable assignee was not entitled to protection.

The crucial matter to any assignee was whether he could recover the debt. The practical position was that provided he gave notice, which the legal assignee also had to do, the equitable assignee would get his money if it was an unimpeachable assignment. He must realistically be regarded as entitled to the debt or part of a debt assigned to him.

Solicitors: Lovell White Durrant; Ashurst Morris Crisp; Clifford Chance.

Continuity of employment

Northern General Hospital National Health Service Trust v Gale

Before Judge Peppitt, QC, Mr D. O. Gladwin and Miss A. Macide

[Judgment April 28]

When holding that a student nurse did not have his continuity of employment preserved when the hospital at which he worked became a health service trust, the Employment Appeal Tribunal expressed concern over the effect of the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 upon the continuity of service of nurses employed by a regional health authority who transferred to trust hospitals within the area of that authority and who would lose continuity of service.

The tribunal allowed an appeal by the Northern General Hospital National Health Service Trust from a decision of a Sheffield industrial tribunal on November 26, 1992, that the employee, Mr Peter Gale, a full-time student nurse, had two years continuous employment for the purposes of bringing a claim of unfair dismissal.

Section 6 of the 1990 Act provides: "(1) ... this section applies to any person who, immediately before an NHS trust's operational date — (a) is employed by a health authority to work solely at, or for the purposes of, a hospital or other establishment ... which is to become the responsibility of the trust ...

"(3) ... the contract of employment between a person to whom this section applies and the health authority by whom he is employed shall have effect from the operational date as if originally made between him and the NHS trust."

Mr John Bowers for the hospital trust; Mr Robin Allen and Mr Thomas Kibling for the employee.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the employee was employed in November 1987 by the Sheffield Health Authority. His contract provided that he would undertake clinical experience within the Sheffield health district or where necessary in other health authorities' clinical areas as designated.

From July 1990 he worked solely at the Northern General Hospital. In February 1991 he applied for a permanent post, his first choice of hospital being the Northern General.

In December 1990 an enabling order established the hospital as a NHS trust from April 1, 1991. On April 9 the employee was offered employment as a full-time staff nurse from May 3, 1991.

Clause 19 of his contract of employment provided that for the purposes of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978, continuous employment dated from 1987. The employee was dismissed on April 28, 1992.

An industrial tribunal held that it had jurisdiction to entertain the employee's claim on the ground that he had been employed for not less than two years as required by section 64 of the 1978 Act.

Mr Allen submitted that the decision should be upheld by the combined effect of the enabling order, the Northern General Hospital NHS Trust (Establishment) Order (SI 1990 No 2432) and section 6 and paragraph 17(3) of Schedule 13 to the 1978 Act.

Mr Allen argued on the basis of section 6(1) of the 1990 Act that immediately before the operational date of the trust, namely April 1, 1991, the employee was employed by the health authority to work solely at the Northern General Hospital.

Alternatively, he submitted that if section 6 alone did not provide sufficient continuity of employment any shortfall was made good by paragraph 17(3) of Schedule 13 in that the Act had modified the employee's contract of employment with the health authority by substituting the trust as his employer and continuity was therefore preserved.

Mr Allen accepted that the foundation upon which those submissions were based was that the employee should be regarded as having been employed by the health authority to work solely at the Northern General Hospital immediately before April 1, 1991.

But the argument was unacceptable. He was not employed to work solely at that hospital. If Parliament had intended section 6(1) to embrace those employees of a health authority who, whatever the terms of their employment, were physically present at a hospital immediately before its transfer to trust status it could have said so very simply.

The critical factor for the application of section 6(1)(a) was whether an employee's contract of employment required him to work solely at the relevant hospital. The employee's contract did not.

The appeal tribunal were concerned as to the possible effect of the 1990 Act upon the continuity of service of nurses for the purposes of unfair dismissal. The employee was employed by the health authority under a training contract which contained a mobility clause. Many other nurses were employed on similar terms.

If at the conclusion of her training a nurse was employed at a non-trust hospital within the area, there would be continuity of service since the employer would remain the same. But if the nurse took employment at a trust hospital there would be no continuity of service.

The Act only applied to those employed to work solely at the hospital immediately before the day trust status was acquired. The absence of statutory continuity of employment between authorities and trusts was unfair to those nurses who took employment in trust hospitals within the area of the authority by whom they were trained.

The appeal would be allowed.

Solicitors: Oxley & Coward, Sheffield; Miss Bronwen McKenna, Banstead.

Intentional homelessness through fraud

Regina v Barnet London Borough Council, Ex parte Rughooputh

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Farquharson and Lord Justice Rose

[Judgment May 5]

An applicant dispossessed of her home as a result of having obtained a mortgage by deliberately giving false information to the building society was intentionally homeless under section 60(1) of the Housing Act 1985.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by a local housing authority, Barnet London Borough Council, from a decision of Mr Robert Carnwath, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division in September 1992, whereby he had quashed the council's decision that the applicant, Padmaben Rughooputh, was intentionally homeless and would not be offered permanent accommodation.

Section 60 of the 1985 Act provides "(1) A person becomes homeless intentionally if he deliberately does or fails to do anything in consequence of which he ceases to occupy accommodation which is available for his occupation ...

"(3) For the purposes of subsection (1) ... an act or omission in good faith on the part of a person who was unaware of any relevant fact shall not be treated as deliberate."

Mr J. C. Harper, QC, for the council; Mr James Bowen for the applicant.

LORD JUSTICE FARQUHARSON said that the applicant in 1987, wishing to raise money for a business venture, obtained £46,000 by mortgaging her flat with the Skipton Building Society. In so doing, the applicant, who was unemployed, deliberately gave false information to the building society. She stated that she was in work and earning £18,000 a year.

The business venture was a disaster resulting in the building society taking proceedings against the applicant and in 1990 obtaining possession of the property. The applicant as a homeless person applied to the council for accommodation. Section 60(1) of the 1985 Act was concerned with causation: it required the council to identify the cause of the homelessness and then to ask themselves whether that cause was the result of a deliberate act by the applicant.

The judge's approach to that part of the case was correct. He said that the council had been "entitled to look at the whole course of conduct which led to the eventual dispossession, starting as it did with the application for a mortgage ... and the fraudulent statement as to earnings which enabled the applicant to obtain that money. I do not find it possible to say there is any error of law in the view that that chain of events led to the ultimate homelessness."

However, the judge had quashed the council's decision because of the provisions of section 60(3) whereby "an act or omission in good faith on the part of a person who was unaware of any relevant fact" was not to be treated as "deliberate" under section 60(1).

The judge had held that the giving of the false information was part of a transaction designed to lead to the acquisition of a business and it was that transaction as a whole which set in train the events leading to the dispossession.

He concluded that the applicant's dishonesty related to the declaration of her earnings and not to the nature of the business, there being nothing to suggest that she did other than genuinely believe she was buying a valuable business.

The judge's observations could not survive the proper construction of section 60(3). The act of good faith that was being referred to in that subsection was the same act as that referred to in subsection (1). The act which the council relied on was the provision of the false information, the act in respect of which the allegation of good faith had to be established.

It was not possible to hold that a fraudulent act such as that done by the applicant was done in good faith.

Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Rose agreed.

Solicitors: Mr Graeme Creer, Hendon; Iqbal & Co.

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Sir Harrison Birtwistle gives the critics plenty to chew on with his new orchestral work

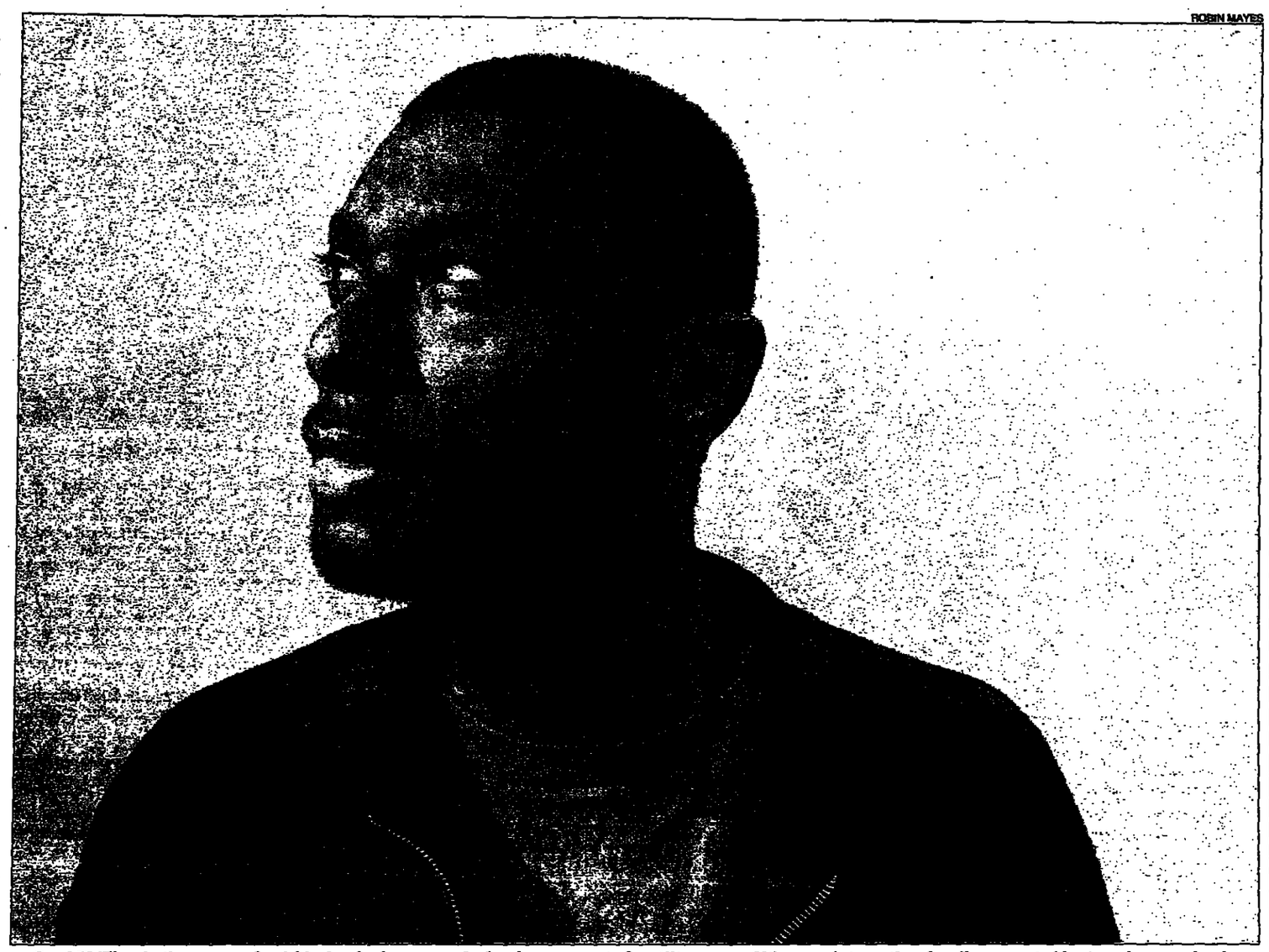
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Sexy, subtle, smooth and seductive, Sade made strong men weep at the Albert Hall



Home is where the art is

Caryl Phillips, whose latest novel is published this week, talks to **Harry Eyres** about the unsettling side of literary success



ROBIN MAYES

Caryl Phillips: in the course of a richly developing career, he has become part of an élite group of itinerant international scribes cosseted by American academia

The telephone rings in Caryl Phillips's unassuming terraced house in Shepherd's Bush. It is an estate agent from Amherst, Massachusetts, checking mortgage arrangements on what will be the Caribbean-born English novelist's third house. He already has a place on St Kitts, the island of his birth (he came to England "at the portable age of 12 weeks") and spends his life commuting between Amherst, where he teaches every other year, London and the Caribbean.

Three addresses inspire confidence, even in writers, as Lady Bracknell almost said. She might not have known what to make of Phillips as a suitor for Gwendolen (black men with Yorkshire accents not being exactly up her street), but she would have had to admit that the chap was doing quite well for himself.

Phillips (who was born in 1958) seems to have one of the most richly developing careers of any British writer of his generation. Three plays and television work came in the early Eighties; then two novels about West Indian emigrants (*The Final Passage*, *A State of Independence*), widely praised for their stylistic beauty and contained emotional depth; and then a travel book (*The European Tribe*, fired by fierce indignation against racism).

After that came a move into more ambitious, fractured narratives, delving into the history of slavery and other diasporas with *Cambridge*, about an upper-class plantation-owner's daughter and a slave called Cambridge; and *Higher Ground*, a three-part novel combining the stories of a black slave-factor, a black convict in the American South and a Jewish refugee in England, which was less well received by the critics. Now, as the culmination of this phase, there is the novel *Crossing the River*.

Phillips has become part of an élite group of itinerant international scribes cosseted by American academia. The names of Heaney, Brodsky and especially Walcott (a small landscape painting by the St Lucian, Nobel prize-winning poet hangs in Phillips's sitting-room) crop up quite frequently in conversation. But aren't there dangers, both of rootlessness and excessive cocooning, in the life-style?

Phillips answers the cocooning accusation first. "That's why I only teach every other year, and I only teach undergraduates. Once you cross the border-line between academia and being a creative writer, you're dead. But I adore teaching undergraduates: I learn a lot about American society from them. Encountering America when I was 20 changed me radically and I think anyone who has the chance to live and work there for a time would be mad not to take it. It's an exciting place — and they got rid of Reagan and Bush."

Rootlessness is a more complicated question which leads close to the heart of Phillips's identity as a writer. "All the moving around certainly makes a mockery of my personal life: I mean I'm 35, unmarried and have no kids, and my last relationship fell on stony ground because I was never there."

Why not settle in "one dear perpetual place"? But where would that be? Leeds, where he spent his boyhood and where his mother, just retired as a lecturer at Leeds University, still lives? Oxford, where he went to college and toyed with a DPhil? London? Or St Kitts?

"Home is a word I never, ever use. There may come a day when I feel comfortable using it, but not now. Growing up in England in the Sixties and Seventies, that heavy time of Enoch Powell and the Notting Hill riots, created an anxiety in me and others about how we fitted into Britain. When I looked in the mirror I saw someone who was told to go back where he came from. Those things cut deep, when you're a kid and you speak with a broad Yorkshire accent and you're mad keen about Leeds United — and then, every now and then, someone comes along and tells you to go back where you came from."

> 'Rootlessness is close to the heart of his identity as a writer'

Phillips did try going back to St Kitts, in the mid-1980s. "At some atavistic level it would have been nice to go back to the Caribbean and feel that this society wants me, I need them, and this is where I'm going to spend the rest of my life." It obviously did not turn out like that. *A State of Independence*, his second novel, is a beautifully poised but bleak account of a 39-year-old English West Indian returning to the island he left at 19, as it prepares for independence (or rather moves from colonial dependence on Britain to colonial dependence on the US), and finding that he feels as alienated among his fellow-islanders as among the English.

Phillips may not have a home, but he has a fictional territory, and one which has expanded considerably since the first two novels. *Crossing the River* is, with *Higher Ground*, his most wide-ranging and ambitious novel to date.

Its multiple narratives may at first appear scattered and disconnected. They concern a freed American slave settling in Liberia in the 1840s and the master who goes to look for him; a black American woman-slave attempting to cross the United States from east to west in the 1860s ("one in three Wild West cowboys was black, but you don't see that in the films," observes Phillips); an English slave-ship captain in the 1750s; and finally a working-class (white) woman meeting a black American GI in northern England during the second world war.

Embracing all these stories are two passages, opening and closing the book, of poignant lyricism, more overtly emotional than is usual with this elegant prose stylist. In them a father speaks of his loss and guilt at selling his three children — the three black protagonists — into slavery.

Phillips bridles at being cast as a writer whose major themes are slavery and race. "In all my work I think I'm concerned with family and the fracturing of family relationships that's caused by dislocation. That dislocation in its most vigorous and unpleasant form is things like slavery and the Holocaust. But slavery is only one aspect of my main concern, which is the diasporan fall-out many people suffer — not just people of African origin."

And as if to prove that he is not to be pinned, moth-like, to some convenient label, Phillips mentions his latest project, which is a return to drama: a contemporary revamping for the Lyric, Hammersmith, of Harold Brighouse's hoary old repertory theatre standby, *Hobson's Choice*.

● *Crossing The River is published on Thursday by Bloomsbury (£14.99)*

EARLY MUSIC

Minstrels in the Minster

With its narrow medieval streets, magnificent Gothic Minster and wealth of historical buildings, the Humberside town of Beverley is an ideal venue for an early music festival. There has, in fact, been one for six years now, and if it has not yet the high profile of its sister festival in York, it is still steadily consolidating its reputation as an essential event in the early musician's calender.

More than that, the Beverley Early Music Festival represents not simply an invasion of specialists, playing to fellow enthusiasts: it also aims to involve the community. This year's programme included a concert by the University of Hull Early Music Ensemble, which offers a platform to student performers on period instruments, as well as a workshop introducing children to Renaissance music, and an open-air evocation of the world of Bruegel, staged by Fairfax.

This stimulation of local interest contributed to the success of the two main events, where the Minster was packed with appreciative audiences for Purcell's *Fairy Queen*, given by the **Gabrieli Consort and Players** under Paul McCreesh, and for a concert by His Majesties Sagbutts & Cornetts.

The Fairy Queen was presented with very minimal costumes and props, but with a wittily rhyming linking narration provided, and delivered, by Andrew Pinnock.

With its masques — including that of the Chinese garden — interpolated in each act, the dramatic action is less than coherent at the best of times. But the Scene of the Drunken Poet (Charles Gibbs) and the pastoral dialogue of Coridon and Mopsa (Gibbs and Mark le Brocq) were staged with enough humour to compensate for the lack of action.

Some of the singing was initially uncertain, but as the difficulties of the Minster's acoustic were adjusted to, there emerged some splendid performances from Tessa Bonner, Charles Daniels, Mark le Brocq and Peter Harvey in particular.

Credit belongs, too, with McCreesh, for he knows how to provide a flexibly phrased accompaniment, with melting resolutions of dissonances, yet without ever allowing a number to linger unduly. His excellent players respond instinctively to such direction.

If the Minster proved a mixed blessing for *The Fairy Queen*, it came into its own for **His Majesties Sagbutts & Cornetts**. As the fading sunlight glinting on the richly-carved stonework of the interior was replaced, later in the evening, by candlelight, an unforgettably evocative atmosphere provided the backdrop for the mellifluous sonorities of the ancestors of the modern trumpet and trombone.

BARRY MILLINGTON

BRIGHTON FESTIVAL: **Richard Morrison** on George Lloyd's latest; **Nadine Meisner** on the Limón Dance Company

Tunes triumphant

On my left an elderly man in tweeds shouted "A masterpiece!" and sprang to his feet, most un-tweedlike. On my right a Scots lass exclaimed "I'll definitely be buying the CD of *that*," and strode off purposefully, possibly to form an all-night queue outside a record shop.

Not often does new music have this effect. Respectful tolerance is common: British concert-goers have impeccable manners. Sometimes there is approval. But raving monster-loony ecstasy? This can only mean one thing: a George Lloyd world premiere.

Lloyd, 80 next month, is a late Romantic — very late, of course. He writes big confident tunes with ripe tonal harmonies; he assembles luscious orchestral sonorities; and his music invariably speaks with emotion. So naturally he was ostracised for decades by a musical establishment dogmatically obsessed with serialism and all its lovely offspring.

Now the climate has changed. Lloyd may still be regarded as a kind of freak-whom-time-forgot by those who raise a glass to Pierre Boulez and his merry chums. But he is getting performances at last, and has responded with an amazing Indian summer of creativity. Far from being the last romantic in the 20th century, he may well become the first in the 21st.

The new Symphonic Mass has typical strengths and weaknesses. On the plus side are the rich, crowded textures, full of startling effects: the jangling tuned percussion that explodes in the Gloria, for example, or the Sanctus's colossal climax. The Kyrie is a strident cry of anguish; the Credo begins cloaked in uncertainty but rallies round a tune that is as wholesome as apple-pie. Searing brass chords mark the Crucifixus; a riot of flute trills denote the resurrection. Austere this music is not.

Yet there are miscalculations. Is it a good idea to start the Agnus Dei as a slow foxtrot? The bathos is never dissipated. Some of the choral writing elsewhere imposes strain for no good reason. And a pleasant orchestral Offertorium, featuring violin and cello solos, has no obvious connection with anything.

All these pros and cons are overshadowed, however, by the overwhelming retrospection of Lloyd's style. It demands a fierce response: joy or scorn. For this Brighton audience, and many others, it clearly presented no problem — quite the opposite. Lloyd speaks in a language they understand.

But music critics tend to worry about "where music is going". Full-steam backwards appears to be the answer. It is strange to think that by the year 2000 musical taste may well have reverted to exactly where it was in 1900.

Lloyd was his own conductor, and inspired the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and the well-drilled Brighton Festival Chorus to a full-blooded (if occasionally unhinged) performance. Earlier, John Lill had been the immaculate soloist in Rachmaninov's *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini*. And Lloyd had warmed up for the "everything including the kitchen sink" nature of his own orchestration by opening with Elgar's hilariously grandiose orchestration of Bach's Organ Fantasia and Fugue in C minor.

Memories of a legend

There are those who say the Limón Dance Company is not what it used to be before its founder's death in 1972. But from those of us with shorter memories, thank you, Brighton Festival, for bringing a legendary American company which has not visited Britain since the 1950s.

In its 21 years without José Limón, the company seems to have conserved his ethos and continued his practice of importing other choreographers. What a pity, though, that the two Brighton programmes did not include anything by the wonderful Doris Humphrey with whom Limón founded his company in 1946.

Instead, we saw two contemporary pieces, pleasant and competent if not exactly masterpieces. Phyllis Lamhut's *Cleave* had a quirky single-mindedness that set group lines jogging with unwavering minimalism and juxtaposed them with freer duos. Carlos Orta's *Volver* found safety in the tried and tested formula of a woman emoting on a chair. It owed much of its merit to its seasoned performers: Carla Maxwell (the present artistic director) and, as the man who later joins her, the choreographer, Orta — who has an inestimable artistry.

These dancers surely serve Limón's memory well, as does the much younger, but fluent Paul Dennis. Limón, both as choreographer and as charismatic performer, did much to elevate the stature of male dancers. He created Brighton's opening piece, *The Unsung* (1970) for an all-male cast, composing six athletic, heroic solos, framed within group dances. Defined as a "paean to the heroic defenders of the American patrimony", it pays homage to Native Americans with richly evocative choreography.



Nina Watt and Carlos Orta dancing José Limón's celebrated The Moor's Pavane, based on Othello

Watching, I became aware that today's new work is perhaps not so new, and certainly rarely as good. *The Unsung* has no music, yet unlike most dance to silence I did not feel uncomfortably aware of it. Perhaps it is because Limón's choreography contains such strong internal rhythm. This has to be one reason for the man's greatness — along with the lucid legibility and sheer originality of his writing.

Another terrific piece, *Mazurkas* (1958), is set to Chopin. This time the choreographic phrasing gives visual form to the musical cadences. Its highly individual succession of duets, solos and ensembles predates Jerome Robbins's celebrated Chopin ballet, *Dances at a Gathering*, and stands as its equal. *Dances for Isadora*, on the other hand, does suffer from comparison with Frederick Ashton's *Brahms Waltzes* — until, that is, the sudden final twist. Carla Maxwell, clad in black, abandons the stage persona and Chopin music of her predecessors; she dances the last solo as an off-stage Isadora, stricken by grief.

The two remaining pieces have been made familiar here by other companies: *There is a Time*, with its air of medieval rusticity; and the Othello-inspired *The Moor's Pavane*. These presumably are reckoned to be his most marketable pieces. I would disagree, and I long to sample the other 69 that he choreographed.

Burning questions

TELEVISION: *Panorama* peers through the fog of confusion surrounding the tobacco industry

I blame it all on Bob Newhart. That sketch about Sir Walter Ralegh phoning home about the discovery of tobacco was broadcast so regularly on the wireless of my childhood — was it a two-way family favourite? — that ultimately I knew it by heart. What else was there to do on Sundays, besides play with the ash-trays, roll cigarettes in a special machine, watch the smoke rise, and wonder vaguely what a two-way family would look like? Anyway, "Don't tell me, Walt!" — that's how it went — "You stick it in your ear!"

The rather striking mental image of someone with a cigarette protruding from the side of his head came back with a vengeance last night, during Tom Mangold's *Panorama* investigation into the tobacco business, entitled "Pack of Lies" (BBC1). Focusing mainly on the American industry's own Council for Tobacco Research, situated in a swanky Manhattan skyscraper to which Mangold was inexplicably denied access, this was a classic tale of propaganda. "Cigarettes are completely harmless" might be the implicit message of this research; but with the warning "So long as you stick them in your ear" in tiny writing underneath.

The point of the report was that in the 40 years since lung cancer was first linked with cigarettes, the tobacco industry has funded its own scientific research which — surprise, surprise — has merely thrown a reeking yellow haze of confusion around the subject. Mangold interviewed CTR-funded research scientists whose work was abruptly called to a halt when it threatened to get too damaging. Particularly worrying was the case of the wheezing 40-a-day bunny-rabbits who were called off the job once they contracted emphysema and were never seen again.

The professional image of the scientist was not greatly enhanced by these astounding instances of naivety (I mean, what *did* they expect?). But the image of the "product liability lawyer" came off far, far worse. Since the greatest fear of the tobacco companies is not that people should die from smoking (heaven forbid), but that, with their last breath, smokers would sue the companies, the lawyers control the whole shebang. *Panorama* had evidence that lawyers successfully persuaded tobacco companies not to launch "safer" or "cleaner" cigarettes (after fortunes had been spent on research and development), because such a marketing angle would "concede the shortcomings" of the traditional cigarette.

But if lawyers have kept them safe, it may well be other lawyers — representing the increasingly litigious American consumer — who may penetrate the smokescreen. Much of the evidence put forward in last night's programme had been unearthed (or so one deduced) by wise guys in braces trying to win zillions in compensation.

If it can be proved that research was hushed up, the case gains strength. Which is why, if you know any ex-research rabbits with a chronic cough in the mornings, there is an American lawyer somewhere who just can't wait to hear from you.

LYNNE TRUSS

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

LONDON

KODO DRUMMERS: The percussionists who live a disciplined lifestyle on the Japanese island of Sado, perform a dramatic, ritualistic music evoking the emotional and spiritual power of the drum.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT: Simon Cadell returns to the cast of Giles Havergal's cunning adaptation of Graham Greene's novel.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8 15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm

ALBAN BERG QUARTET: The musicians show off their virtuosity performing string quartets by Haydn (No 2) and Beethoven (in A minor), and give the first British performance of Urbanner's Quartet No 4.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800). 7.45pm. ◪

ALEXEI LUBIMOV: *The pianist plays Chopin* (Scherzo in B minor, Four Ballades); Liszt (Three Petrarch Sonnets, Concert Study in F minor); and Glinka (Variations on a theme from Bellini's *Capuleti e Montecchi*).
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (071-935 2141), 7.30pm ◪

BARCLAYS NEW STAGES: *The annual showcase of alternative theatre offers a wide range of works from seven companies this year. The festival kicks off tonight with Liminal Gaza's multi-media performance journey, The Joy of Return, which is a site-specific piece to be enacted on board the Bluebell Railway in Sussex (transport provided from the Royal Court at 7.20pm each night, with a 25% discount on Gatwick Express tickets). The audience can "experience the rare sensation of steam travel while watching a spectacle that uses music film speech and dance to create a vision of a once-powerful and exotic culture in decline".*
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Tonight-May 22, eves, 8.15pm (no perf May 16).

REGIONAL

BRADFORD: The cheerful "Lambeth Walk" musical **Me and My Girl** continues its nationwide tour after an extraordinary run of over eight years in the West End. Noel Gay's effervescent Thirties score perfectly suits the story of a Cockney who inherits a coronet and fills the ancestral home with his old pals.
Alhambra Theatre, Morley Street (0274 752000). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, 2pm, Sat, 2.30pm.

BUXTON: The American ballad of Barbara Allen, combining romance, tragedy and superstition, is the inspiration for Jack Carter's ballet *The Witchboy* which is one of six short works being performed by **London City Ballet** during its new season. Also featured are Ashton's *Les Patineurs* — fun on skates in Victorian England — and Balanchine's *Donizetti Variations*, using the score from *Don Sebastian*.
Opera House, Water Street (0298 72190). Tonight-Thurs (programme 1), 7.30pm, mat Thurs, 2.30pm; Fri, Sat (programme 2), 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

CANTERBURY: Christopher Gable and Lynn Seymour, former principal stars of the Royal Ballet, join **Northern Ballet Theatre** to dance the leading roles in Gillian Lynne's *Simple Man* (tonight and tomorrow). The ballet, based on the life of L.S. Lowry, has been one of Gable's most prominent successes. Derek Williams's jazzy *Extension*, and *D'Ensemble* by the acclaimed choreographer Graham Lustig, make up the bill.
Marlowe Theatre, The Friars (0227 787246). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. ◪

INVERNESS: American Robert Cohan, founder artistic director of London Contemporary Dance Theatre, has successfully fused modern and classical styles in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, his new, full-length ballet for **Scottish Ballet**. Mendelssohn's score is supplemented with music by Barrington Pheloung, creator of the *Inspector Morse* theme music.
Eden Court Theatre, Bishop's Road (0463 221718). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.15pm.

LEEDS: Opera North dusts off Ponchielli's opera *La Gioconda*, rarely staged these days, but a lyrical feast if the singers meet its considerable vocal demands. The cast includes Rosalind Plowright and Sally Burgess; production and designs are by Philip Prowse.
Grand Theatre, 46 New Briggate (0532 459351/440971), tonight, Fri, 7.15pm. ◪

SHEFFIELD The **Sheffield Chamber Music Festival** looks at the English tradition of musical composition from Purcell to the present day. Taking part will be the Lindsay String Quartet (whose leader, Peter Cropper is artistic director of the festival), Peter Frankl and The Nash Ensemble. For the first time the festival will include a children's opera, *The Two Lockets*, involving children from around Sheffield.
Sheffield Chamber Music Festival, (Box office: 0742 789922), to May 22.

SWANSEA: *The Russian All Stars'* staging of the Tchaikovsky ballet *The Sleeping Beauty*, on ice, is intended to be popular entertainment. Although lacking in sensitivity — a lot of the small detail is missing from the choreography and the recorded account of the score is blasted across the stage — the skill and bravura of the performances keep the audience applauding.
Grand Theatre, Singleton Street (0792 475715). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. ◪

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

□ **ARCADIA:** Tom Stoppard in sparkling form brings together love, chaos theory and much else. With Felicity Kendal and Emma Fielding.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.15pm. 180mins. ◪

□ **THE BEGGAR'S OPERA:** John Caird's boisterous production; David Burt is the dashing highwayman.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm. 195mins. ◪

□ *THE BESHT TELLERS.* Reviving the tradition of Jewish storytelling, this travelling company brings two programmes of poignant, exhilarating tales to the West End.
Arts, Great Newport Street, WC2 (071-836 2132). Telling Tales: Mon, Fri, 8pm, Sat, 5 45pm and 8.30pm. 120mins. *The Story of the Last of the Just*: Tues, Wed, Thurs, 8pm. 150mins. ◪

◪ **CITY OF ANGELS:** Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in L.A. and the world of the private eye movie.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

■ **CRAZY FOR YOU:** Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7 45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins. ◪

□ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC:** Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room to the full poignancy of his fate.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

□ **THE DEEP BLUE SEA:** Penelope Wilton the victim of unsatisfactory men in Rattigan's well-staged but so old-fashioned drama.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 7 45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

□ **DON'T FOOL WITH LOVE/THE BLIND MEN:** Cheek by Jowl present Alfred de Musset's tart romance to their usual high standard, preceded by a neat curtain-raiser by Ghelderode.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat, 3pm. 150mins. ◪

◪ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON:** Blazing performance by Judi Dench in combat with Michael Pennington in Peter Shaffer's RSC success tackling the themes of justice and terrible revenge.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

■ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST:** Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival. With Alex Jennings, Richard E. Grant, Margaret Tyzack.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

□ **THE INVISIBLE MAN:** Not so cosy a venue as its birthplace in Stratford East but the show is as jolly as ever. Paul Kiev's magic tricks are amazing.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

□ **THE LAST YANKEE:** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere: Margot Leicester, Peter Davison lead a quartet of middle-aged Americans troubled by material success.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. 90mins ◪

□ **LION IN THE STREETS:** Canada, specifically Toronto, as a jungle where beasts destroy the weak: powerful stuff.
Hampstead, Avenue Road, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 130mins. Final week. ◪

□ **LOST IN YONKERS:** Terrific performance by Rosemary Harris in a Neil Simon comedy more weighty than usual. Maureen Lipman gives good value as a loopy aunt.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins. Final week.

□ **A LOVE SONG FOR ULSTER:** Bill Morrison's ambitious, strongly acted trilogy, set at three periods of crisis between 1922 and today.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Single plays: Tues-Fri, 8pm; trilogy: Sat, Sun, 1 45pm-10pm. Extended run to May 23. ◪

□ **PLAYING BY THE RULES:** Surviving the streets as a rent boy: Rod Dungate's sharp comedy comes to London after two sell-out runs at the Birmingham Rep.
Drill Hall, Chenies Street, WC1 (071-637 8270). Tues-Sat, 7.30pm. 165mins. ◪

■ *THE SCHOOL OF NIGHT: Peter Whelan's inventive drama on Marlowe's last days; charismatic performance by Richard McCabe.*
The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, Fri, Sat, 7.15pm, mat Sat, 2pm. 180mins. ◪

□ **TOTAL ECLIPSE:** Verlaine and Rimbaud go racketing around Europa. Enjoyable revival of Christopher Hampton's early play.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Sat, 3pm. 150mins. Final week. ◪

□ **THE TRIAL:** Czech director Lida Engelova gives her countryman's nightmare good visuals but a leisurely rhythm. With James Wilby, Estelle Kohler and Peter Eyre.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 120mins. ◪

LONG RUNNERS: □ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) □ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ◪ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ... □ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ... □ **An Ideal Husband**: Globe (071-494 5065) ... ◪ **It Runs in the Family**: Playhouse ◪ (071-839 4401) ... ◪ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ◪ **Kiss Of The Spider Woman**: Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) ... ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... □ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... □ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... □ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **GROUNDHOG DAY** (PG): Harold Ramis's marvellously fresh, humane comedy about a weatherman (Bill Murray). With Andie MacDowell.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332).

◆ **RICH IN LOVE** (PG): Aggravating, docile tale of a dysfunctioning Charleston family, from the *Driving Miss Daisy* team. Bruce Beresford directs Albert Finney, Kathryn Erbe.
MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148).

THE STORY OF QIU JU (12): Chinese stylist Zhang Yimou changes tack with a wonderful, simple film about a peasant (Gong Li) seeking justice.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **Gate** ◪ (071-727 4043) **Screen on the Hill** ◪ (071-435 3366).

◆ **TRESPASS** (18): Siege warfare in an abandoned factory between treasure-hunters and the local gang. *Forceful at first, then dulled by excess.* Walter Hill directs Bill Paxton, William Sadler.
MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332).

CURRENT

◆ **ACCIDENTAL HERO** (15): *Promising satire on hero worship,* marred by a grating Dustin Hoffman performance and a director (Stephen Frears) not in total control. Starring Andy Garcia, Geena Davis.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332).

AN ACTOR'S REVENGE (PG): Revival of Ichikawa's 1962 film about a female impersonator (Kazuo Hasegawa) plotting revenge. Visually dazzling, though cold to the touch.
ICA ◪ (071-930 3647).

◆ **ALIVE** (15): A terrific plane crash, then it's slowly downhill for this true-life story of survival and cannibalism in the Andes. Ethan Hawke, Vincent Spano; director, Frank Marshall.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **Empire** ◪ (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** ◪ (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332).

UN COEUR EN HIVER (12): Love, sly games and damaged friendships between two instrument makers and a young violinist. Wonderfully observant, delicate drama from Claude Sautet. With Daniel Auteuil, Emmanuelle Béart, André Dussollier.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Lumière** (071-836 0691) **Gate** ◪ (071-727 4043) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666).

INDOCHINE (12): Love in a hot climate. A trite plot, but Catherine Deneuve and gorgeous images carry the day. Director, Régis Wargnier.
Odeon Kensington (0426 914666).

ORLANDO (PG): Virginia Woolf's exuberant novel about a free spirit (Tilda Swinton) who lives for 400 years, changing sex en route; filmed with great aplomb by British director Sally Potter.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Minema** (071-235 4225) **Plaza** ◪ (071-437 1234/497 9999) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

THE QUINCE TREE SUN (U): Spanish artist Antonio López strives to capture a quince tree on canvas. Victor Erice's magical meditation on art and nature.
Renoir (071-837 8402).

◆ **SOMMERSBY** (12): Richard Gere returns to Jodie Foster after the Civil War, but is he really her husband? Plush hokum, based on *The Return of Martin Guerre*. Director, Jon Amiel.
Barbican ◪ (071-638 8891) **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **MGM Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** ◪ (071-727 6705) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332).

Germans look east for inspiration

New directors and radical approaches make this year's Berlin Theatre Meeting the most challenging in years. Denis Staunton reports

The German theatre is going through its biggest change for decades. After 25 years of dominance, the generation of West German directors that came to prominence in the 1960s is making way for the new radicals from the east. Last year's Berlin Theatertreffen (Theatre Meeting) was the first since 1968 to include no productions by Peter Zadek, Peter Stein or Claus Peymann. And they are not at this year's gathering (until May 20) either. Instead, six of the 12 productions chosen as the pick of the German-speaking theatre come from theatres in the former German Democratic Republic.

The fact that the "new federal states" account for only a quarter of Germany's population makes this balance impressive enough. What makes it sensational is that, only two years ago, *many* in the west German theatre were confidently predicting the collapse of theatre in the east, shorn of subsidies and bereft of its quasi-political role.

For many years, theatre in the GDR was dominated by the legacy of Brecht. *His disciples documented* a mounting disillusionment with *the* system, but most remained committed socialists. The new breed of directors from the east, led by the likes of Frank Castorf, is the first generation *to be born into the* GDR. They never chose *socialism and* never believed in it. Before reunification, *Castorf had* already scandalised audiences east and west with his reworkings of the German classics, in which much original dialogue was replaced by rock songs and excerpts from contemporary literature.

Last year, he took charge of the Volksbühne, a creaky old repertory theatre in east Berlin, transforming it into the most exciting venue in the city. He cut seat prices to just DM5 (£2) and opened a cabaret bar next door, making it available to rock bands and performance artists free of charge.

King Lear, Castorf's opening production at the Volksbühne, is at the Theatre Meeting. Unsurprisingly, he has made of the play a chaotic metaphor for German reunification: Lear is a senile, hyperventilating Erich Honecker; Regan and Goneril represent the two German states. Cordelia is an ineffectual dissident who spends much of her time urinating into a bucket and reciting passages from *The Gulag Archipelago*.

Kent is played by seven samurai who embody the East German masses, and Edmund is an East German victim-turned-hoodlum. Loud rock music and disorderly lighting help to create an anarchic atmosphere in which conventional theatrical rules no longer apply.

With two productions at the Theatre Meeting, the Volksbühne is the most celebrated Berlin theatre this year. But the undisputed star of the festival is Leander Haussmann, the 34-year-old east German director who has two productions in the festival, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* from Weimar and *Romeo and Juliet* from Munich.

Like Castorf, Haussmann takes an irreverent approach to the text and uses rock music. But his vision is brighter *than Castorf's; in fact, Romeo and Juliet is full of joy. Haussmann exploits* every scrap of comedy in the play, turning the balcony scene into a magnificent slapstick routine involving ladders, makeshift ropes and much bare flesh. *Played by* an athletic young cast, this is one of the sexiest and most good-humoured productions to be seen in Germany for years.

Even the relationship between the Montagues and the Capulets appears to be one of cordial rivalry that gets out of hand. When Mercutio is mortally wounded he takes his leave from each of his friends and foes in turn. Then, as *a rock ballad* blasts out behind him, he *starts to run furiously in circles* until he drops to the floor and dies. Because the world Haussmann has created is so attractive, the loss seems all the greater when murder takes a hold.

The west German playwright Rolf Hochhuth views the present east-west tension within Germany as the continuation of a "war between brothers" which he believes has been raging since 1949. Hochhuth used documents about the relationship between the two Germanies to create a play called *Wessis in Weimar*, which the Berliner Ensemble agreed to produce. But when Einar Schleef, the east German director, made radical changes, Hochhuth withdrew from the project, claiming that Schleef's version was a boring and politically impotent travesty of his play.

In fact it is a big improvement on the original, converting what might have been a relentless rant into an eloquent requiem for the idea of a German Utopia. Like the Volksbühne, the Berliner Ensemble appears to be thriving under new management.



East side story: Leander Haussmann's staging of *Romeo and Juliet*

CONCERTS: Two new pieces by Sir Harrison Birtwistle are premiered on the South Bank in London

Drop of the hard stuff

THE fundamental idea of Sir Harrison Birtwistle's new piano and orchestra work, *Antiphonies* — given its British premiere in a Festival Hall concert dedicated to the memory of Howard Hartog by the **Philharmonia Orchestra** and **Pierre Boulez** — is obvious from its title. But lest anyone should think that this implies the kind of polite, formal exchanges of sound between different, well-defined groups found in, say, the great choral masterpieces of Giovanni Gabrieli, let me disabuse them.

Antiphonies is a sustained sequence of causes and effects, where everything the piano soloist does sets something else off in the orchestra, where indeed anything anyone does gives rise to a reaction, opposite or parallel, in another section. Sometimes things ignite other things, sometimes the reaction is gentler, more a matter of dilution or concentration.

The energy and variety of *Antiphonies* leaves one breathless, and craving to hear the work again and soon, the better to absorb its dense activities. Already at the opening the pianist sets lyrical, widely spaced counterpoints in opposition to resonant chords. These two facets are soon themselves presented in counterpoint. Stabbing gestures from brass, screams from high woodwind, short snatches of singing melodies from low strings, suggest other extremes of colour and articulation. Nevertheless, there are also sympathetic links, notably between the pianist and tuned percussion and harp. Meanwhile the idea of extreme contrasts extends to the movement of the piece, with periods of convulsive spasms as well as patches of calmer impulse.

Yet behind these different energies one feels the piece, as one feels so many Birtwistle pieces, as some great, solid object. He takes us to it as if with some powerful microscope, penetrating its surface so that we can examine the molecules and atoms as they collide and react; a maelstrom of activity within something quite still, impassive and majestic.

Joanna MacGregor was the piano soloist, and she tackled Birtwistle's torrents of notes with her usual fiery energy and disarming confidence; no different from Brahms, really. And with Boulez in charge the orchestra had the safest possible guide; consequently the players likewise steered their way through this complex and challenging piece with extraordinary assurance, as they earlier did in Schoenberg's atmospheric *Accompaniment to a Film Scene*, Op 34.

After the interval the **Ensemble InterContemporain** gave Stravinsky's Pergolesi-derived *Pulcinella* in its entirety, in which form it works better than the Suite we usually hear. This was a crisp, cogent performance, with the vocal numbers taken characterfully by Susanne Mentzer, Stanford Olsen and David Wilson-Johnson.

The previous evening a select group from the Ensemble included in its Purcell Room programme another Birtwistle premiere, *Five Distances for Five Instruments*, postponed from last autumn. One premise for this work is the fundamental differences between the instruments of the standard wind quintet: another is the contrast of two kinds of duets, one in which adjacently seated instruments play rhythmically defined music, another in which those sitting opposite each other in the widely spaced semicircle (centred on the horn) play more freely. Again cause and effect is the order of the day in this substantial and beautifully written work.

STEPHEN PETTITT

OPERA: An encouraging showcase for new talent

Ready for the world stage

THE annual showcase performances by the students of the **National Opera Studio** are not only unmissable by the trade — administrators hungry for new talent are there in serried ranks — but offer solid pleasure to anyone who likes opera. They take the form of meaty extracts from popular and not so popular works, meticulously prepared, inventively produced (usually), and as often as not under the wise musical direction of David Parry, in charge of the Bournemouth Sinfonietta.

So it was in the Queen Elizabeth Hall last Friday, with Parry as effortlessly idiomatic (and supportive) in Gounod and Massenet as in Verdi and Britten. The only disappointment was the actual staging, desperately ordinary for the most part — and rather worse than that in the Benny Hill-style direction of the Adina-Dulcamara duet from *L'elisir d'amore*.

It is misleading to call these singers "students": they are all postgraduates, and some sound as if they could, or should, already be attached to an opera company and earning a living. That is certainly true of the French soprano Anna Maria Panzarella, whose beautifully warm, sweet soprano, sparkling technique and admirably clear Italian brought Donizetti's Adina to vibrant musical life. Indeed, one of the most encouraging aspects of the evening was the care taken with words, whatever the language: I hope the NOS is spearheading a much needed counter-revolution in this department.

There were many others who will not be short of work. Majella Cullagh, from Ireland, sounded more like a French soprano than most real French sopranos do nowadays: her Marguerite in the Garden Scene from *Faust* was projected with cleanly focused tone and in excellent French. Howard Croft sang the Peace aria from *Owen Wingrave*, whetting the appetite both for further appearances by this gifted young baritone and for a major revival of an under-valued Britten score.

By comparison, Christopher Parke's baritone sounded less "finished" in the Recognition duet from *Boccanegra*: when his already heroic tone acquires a little extra juice and edge, his enormous promise will be fulfilled. Ida-Maria Turri sang Amelia stylishly — the middle of her voice speaks especially strongly — but her attempt at Aida later was less well advised.

In the tenor department the slight "Englishness" of Niall Morris's tone (he was in fact born in Dublin) was made up for by the imagination and sensitivity with which he used it as Werther and Nemorino. Again, juice will come. John Cogram already has natural warmth, but tends to swallow words, and was better suited to Radames than to Faust.

Four notable mezzos: Emma Selway statuesque and fruity with Morris's Werther, Liane Keegan fluently agile as Rossini's Isabella, Denise Hector exploiting a Bumbry-esque lower register as Amneris, and Joanna Campion properly musical in her response to the travesti hero of Donizetti's *Assedio di Calais*. Bags of talent, then: watch this space in a couple of years' time.

RODNEY MILNES

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THEATRE: A country home for Fugard's soul-searching ... romance in a scrapyard ... and a life on the ropes

Watermill on a wheel of fortune

For a private theatre to offer a season as long as Stratford's takes hard work, luck and arm-twisting, Jeremy Kingston finds



STEPHEN MARKESON

"The more you invest, the more work we can generate. Last year we handed the government £80,000": Jill Fraser on the economic advantages of her Watermill Theatre

Deep in the Berkshire countryside, where ducks scramble out of a trout stream and go waddling across a lawn, Jill Fraser offers a Danish pastry to go with the morning coffee. Sunlight floods in through windows on two walls. A page from the Domesday Book is framed above the fireplace.

The setting is affably assured Home Counties, but a young chap tiptoes in from time to time with a murmured enquiry: men pass the windows carrying what looks like scenery, and across the lawn a couple are making their way to the box office.

> 'We'd like to pay our actors more; we'd like to tour more'

And that is because there stands, in this idyllically rural valley, a Georgian paper mill that was converted into a theatre 30 years ago. Fraser, and her husband James Sargent, administrative director of the Royal Shakespeare Company at the Barbican, bought the building in 1981 from the family who had converted it, and in her 12 years as artistic and managing director she has lengthened its season to ten months, from April to January. Her Watermill Theatre at Bagnor, four miles from Newbury, seats only 202, but its season is now as long as the RSC's at Stratford.

"If you've worked in theatre all your life and love it, owning a theatre is a dream come true," she says. Not everyone would agree. Most actors would find the paperwork and necessary arm-twisting a nightmare. "Oh yes, but I took a stage management course at the Central School. That has always been my side of the business. Stage managing at Stratford, production manager at the Other Place."

After that came 18 months with Actors' Theatre, the co-operative set up by Ian McKellen and Edward Petherbridge; then co-administrator of Cambridge Theatre Company and finally the Watermill. Her entire life has been in the theatre — and not just her working life. Her parents did the clichéd thing of first meeting on stage, in the old Prince's Theatre (now the Shaftesbury) during a post-war revival of *Merrie England*. In *A Star Is Born* Judy Garland was born in a trunk at the Prince's Theatre, but that was in another country — Pocatello, Idaho, in fact. Fraser's first glimpse of the world did not develop the cliché to that extent, but the theatre was always in her blood.

Now she sweats blood for her theatre. The weathered brick building could hardly look more consolingly English. The tiles of the roof are speckled with golden lichen. The new fire escape for the dressing rooms descends past an ivy-covered walnut tree. A willow grows aslant the brook. A restaurant occupies what used to be the tithe barn; the actors stay in the former stables or rent rooms in the village. A lazy comparison would be with some Ealing film where a small, closely knit community struggles to preserve its local eccentricity.

A struggle there is — no theatrical enterprise in the country can avoid it — but without a scrap of the cosy muddle so comfortingly suggested by Ealing. The Watermill is not a rich woman's toy but her occupation, and her business sense is angered by what she sees as short-sighted funding policies. (Newbury, it should be remembered, has just left the Tory fold.)

Local, district and county funding, together with a grant from Southern Arts, provide the theatre with slightly more than £50,000, 11 per cent of the money required to mount the summer season (six plays this year), ten days of music hall, evenings of jazz and the Christmas show. Box office receipts bring in 60 per cent and the remainder must be found through sponsorship and fund-raising — which is where the arm-twisting comes in.

"The more you invest, the more work we can generate," Fraser says. "Last year we handed the government £80,000 in taxes and National Insurance through providing work for actors and stage crew. And then there's the money generated by the restaurant, and all the suppliers of food and materials. Spend more and you get back more than you spend. I wish people could see this basic law of economics, because we have the potential for doing so much more. When we received an Arts Council incentive award we were able to improve our publicity by just a little bit — but the box office took off. In the same way, if we approach a company and offer them a proposal, we have to be able to do it with the professional expertise they expect.

"Athol Fugard's *My Children! My Africa!* opens this week. It follows *On Approval*, which is always going to be popular, and so is a bit of a risk for us, more political than our audiences may consider they are used to. But playing safe isn't playing fair.

"Of course we'd like to have the money to pay our actors more than virtually the Equity minimum; we'd like to tour more, and we'd certainly like to build a studio theatre that could take small-scale shows to village halls."

There is complaint in the substance of her remarks but none in her tone of voice, which is calm, relaxed and genially persuasive. She is evidently a dab hand at twisting arms. "It is something one does have to do. But really, my talents lie in drawing people together for a particular thing to make a particular whole. That's what I enjoy doing."

The leafy setting of this waterside theatre is the loveliest in Britain. After my first visit there I wrote that on a day hot enough to fry eggs on the Shaftesbury Avenue pavement, this rural hideaway felt like paradise. Long may it thrive there.

● My Children! My Africa! *opens at the Watermill tonight, 7.30pm. (Telephone 0635 46044)*

ROCK REVIEWS

Still carrying the torch

Sade
Albert Hall



Sade: as smooth, sexy and seductive as ever

She was struggling against a sound system that muffled her voice to the point where it sounded, at times, as though she was singing through a fisherman's sock. Yet Sade's return to the London stage was never short of intriguing and, in parts, genuinely captivating.

Beautiful in a white sequinned belly dancer's costume, she sang with the slow-burning sophistication that has become her trademark. Her latest album, *Love Deluxe*, has been tepidly received in Britain, but she performed live with a confidence and exuberance she has seldom displayed before.

As she sashayed happily in front of her black-suited band, she bore scant resemblance to the shy singer who appeared on the London club circuit ten years and 22 million album sales ago.

Sade's recent sojourn in Spain seems to have left an impression on her body language. Movements that owed as much to flamenco dancers and matadors as they did to hip-swivelling night-club groovers informed many of her casual on-stage manoeuvres. At one point she even engaged in a brief round of shadow boxing with Leroy Osbourne, her impressive backing vocalist. The mood created in combination with the late-night lighting and Stuart Matthewman's lonesome saxophone was gently and subtly sexual.

Unusually, most of Sade's immediately recognisable songs were slickly dealt with in the first half of the set. Her mid-1980s hits — "The Sweetest Taboo", "Smooth Operator" and "Your Love is King" — were faithfully dispatched to an affectionate, albeit muted audience. Bass-player Paul Spencer Denman acted as a musical rudder to the accomplished eight-piece band. Musical understatement and sensitivity were paramount to a sound that rarely broke out of smooch-mode.

But this show hinged entirely on Sade's singing voice: a lightly smoked, slightly serrated item that carried her tales of love, trust, betrayal and longing with disarming and often moving conviction. It is not a classically precise instrument and she rarely lets it off the leash, but few voices in contemporary soul mesh as magically with the music as hers.

The show climaxed with an uncharacteristically full-throttle rendition of "Is it a Crime", all horns, percussion and shrieked vocals. The two encores seemed an almost superfluous addition to an evening's entertainment that, despite the Albert Hall's acoustic shortcomings, was a cool triumph.

ADRIAN DEEVOY

Daze of future past

Ozric Tentacles
Forum, NW5

Ozric Tentacles have been schlepping round the alternative festival/underground circuit since 1983, when they began life with an inaugural jam session in the shadow of Stonehenge.

They have their own recording studio in Somerset, and have quietly prospered without any mainstream media exposure, releasing at least six "official" albums and too many unofficial ones to count. But their cult popularity finally gained critical mass when their new album, *Jurassic Shift*, crashed into the Gallup chart at No 11 last month.

With their cottage industry origins and clownish, retro-hippy sense of humour — the band's name was chosen because they thought it sounded like an imaginary breakfast cereal — Ozric Tentacles may give an initial impression of being just another heroically disorganised, travelling musicians' collective.

But nothing could be further from the reality of their live show, which was a rugged and fiercely disciplined display of instrumental firepower accompanied by a dazzling, computerised lightshow. Musically they have formulated an updated strand of progressive rock for the rave generation, combining all the quirky melodrama and advanced musicianship of 1970s fusion with the spacey, dancefloor nirvana of the Nineties.

Fronted by Jumping John Egan, the aptly named flautist, and powered by the pincer-style attack of guitarist Ed Wynne and keyboard player Joie Hinton, the foundations of the band's tightly scripted instrumental music evokes memories of Gong, early Genesis, Led Zeppelin and even Jethro Tull (that flute, of course). But along with the fractured heavy funk riffing of "Vita Voom" and the furiously fiddly guitar soloing of "Sunhair" there were also generous lashings of ravey, flying-saucer sound effects and blippy synthesizer textures, all swathed in dank layers of echo.

The musicians were pretty well invisible behind the intricate glare of the lightshow, which was a combination of ornate mosaic backdrops, black hole "infinity" effects (like the old credits for *Doctor Who*), and stabbing strobes.

The club, which has been splendidly refurbished since its days as the Town & Country, at times resembled a war zone, never more so than during the closing "Fengshui", a reggae-influenced number which ended with a cataclysmic overload of lights, sounds and special effects. The crowd, which had arrived in a state of mild torpor, by now seemed shell-shocked, but still eager for more. It was a trip that looks set to run and run.

DAVID SINCLAIR

Yes, he's a great pretender

The Chinese Wolf
Bush



MARILYN KINGWILL

Love hurts: Barrit, Vibert and Ford in *The Chinese Wolf*

Now and then, during David Ashton's enjoyably artful play, the Platters sob through "Only You". It's appropriate: the play can be interpreted as an eccentric romance, where awkward boy discovers in prickly girl the one who can make this life seem right, the darkness bright. Indeed, this is the phrase that ends the comedy, with a pause before the "you", to allow a goldfish bowl to descend again from the ceiling while the boy, Max Fabiani, concludes the dream in which the fish has featured.

At the same time the play also charts his rite of passage, from dependence on his former opera-singing mother, who has departed on a bank holiday spree, into a contest with Billy Chorties, the local Mr Big. As embodied in Desmond Barrit, this villain is also physically massive. His lifelong curse has been his bulk, Fabiani's his hunched back.

Chorties wants the site of the Fabiani scrapyard for his money-making Palace of Fun, to which end he has already burnt down neighbouring properties, including the newsagent's that won an award for not selling glue. That jokey flourish is an example of the throwaway wit Ashton liberally supplies, in unexpected turns of plot as well as twists of dialogue.

In his previous play, *A Bright Light Shining*, also commissioned by the Bush, Ashton created a Lakeland visionary who lost belief in the vision she had seen although, it transpired, the vision had been there. A curious feature of that play's tone was the suggestion that the supernatural is real — and yet how peculiar, how nervously comical, that it should be.

The Chinese wolf is a supernatural monster imagined by Fabriani in one of the many stories he tells Ruby, the young Falkirk lesbian who strips engines in the yard. But his imagination has the power to create physical reality, and the wolf comes prowling in an evil light beyond the corrugated-iron walls. Likewise, it is through his imagination that Fabriani hits on the one story that could destroy Chorties.

Romance, rite of passage and the power of imagination give a sturdy shape to Ashton's play. He has not found the way to make the murder threats work — they are too jokey for reality, too flabby for ritual — but elsewhere he writes the most lively and sparkish dialogue. Dominic Dromgoole's direction is as sinewy as the writing, shifting the mood from pain to parody, reverie to rampage.

The speaking parts are excellently played: Barrit finds a sweet sadness in his last moments; Maureen Beattie's tough little lesbian snaps abuse like a firecracker, and Julia Ford is teasingly inviting as the girl everyone fancies.

But the thrust of the evening is maintained by Fabriani, on stage almost throughout and wonderfully portrayed by Ronan Vibert. Cowering yet alert, one moment preoccupied by fears, the next capering like some mad mix-up of Quasimodo and Frankie Howerd, his is a comic performance packed with the contrary impulses of real life.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Requiem for a lightweight

Buchanan
Traverse, Edinburgh

Following his adaptation of Tankred Dorst's *Merlin* at the Royal Lyceum, Scottish playwright Tom McGrath switches mood, gear and theatre for a populist celebration of a local hero.

On the first night the former lightweight boxing champion of the world, a few seats away from me, grinned appreciatively at a dramatisation of his career. His father beamed with pride, and sundry aunts approvingly noted the leading actor's physical resemblance to their Ken.

Ken Buchanan is still an Edinburgh figure. A fighter from childhood, he was an apprentice cabinet maker before immersing himself among "the workers and wasters, comedians and crooks" of what his embittered wife would call the "stinking sport of kings".

In Ian Brown's production Buchanan's rise and fall unfold fleetly in the round — or rather square, since the Traverse hosts a central boxing ring where the champ's career is portrayed at a pace as nifty as his celebrated dancing action.

Perhaps, like the boxer's style, it is too gentlemanly. As Roberto Duran, his final opponent, put it: "He fights clean and expects the world to fight clean ... an old-fashioned attitude."

In truth, we could do with a little more grit in the personal aspects of the story: his failed marriage, the decline into illegal fights, the failure of his hotel and business interests, the eventual dole — all are noted briefly, almost blandly.

The tangled world of boxing politics is acknowledged. The British Board of Boxing Control refused to recognise his first world title and the returning champion was ignored by local dignitaries busy hosting a drinks party for opera singers at the Festival ("City fathers!" snorted a contemptuous member of the audience). But the play could delve more deeply into the anger that provoked Buchanan into a premature resignation and rejection of the Lonsdale Belt.

An early workmate acts as analyst, trying to explain the joys of love and sex to the austere young fighter, later noting the Oedipal parallels in all great boxers and the oblivion that awaits fallen heroes. More intriguing are the glimpses of what both chauvinism and big money can do to sportsmanship: the dirty tricks, physical assaults and coercion of the latin countries; the armed guards and hotel room temptresses of America.

The big fight sequences avoid monotony, sometimes in slow motion, sometimes deploying punchbags lowered on to the stage, sometimes with each blow underlined on electronic drums (music: John Irvine).

Paul Samson, looking uncannily like the champion, right down to the springy swagger, heads a blessedly unactorish cast of what look like real people, from Boyd Clack as the harassed and finally exasperated Eddy Thomas, Buchanan's manager, to Edward Brittain as the ruthless street animal Duran.

The play succeeds as a communal cheer for an underrated hero, a sporting innocent who, as a sympathetic American commentator put it, was "perhaps fighting in an obsolete tradition". Hugely enjoyable even to a boxing illiterate such as myself, the play visits the Glasgow Mayfest later this month.

MARTIN HOYLE

ARTS BRIEFING

Prized business

LORD Sainsbury, the best-known of British arts patrons, last night received the Goodman Award "for outstanding achievement in the encouragement of business support of the arts". The award came from the Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts, as does the complementary Garrett Award for "encouraging business support in a professional capacity". That went to Ruth McKenzie, executive director of the Nottingham Playhouse. She has lifted the theatre's annual sponsorship from £2,000 to £117,800 in three years.

Both winners received Reed Elsevier Awards of £10,000 to give to an arts organisation of their choice. Lord Sainsbury nominated the Benesh Institute, a dance study centre; McKenzie chose the Playhouse itself.

● "THERE is plenty of blasphemy, perversion, and other material taboo until yesterday, to alarm unwary customers. But the unmistakable purpose of the show is to send up a great hymn to freedom and love; and for once the message really comes across." That was how *The Times* greeted the musical *Hair* when it first appeared on the London stage, 25 years ago. Now, *Hair* is coming back: Michael Bogdanov mounts an Old Vic production this September. Whether he can persuade the Princess Royal to join the dancing on stage, as she memorably did in 1969, is anybody's guess.

Last chance ...

JUDITH Thompson's *Lion in the Streets* at Hampstead (071-722 9301, to Saturday) tells of a raped girl's ghost prowling the streets and dinner parties of Toronto to locate her killer. The events she witnesses are atrocious and painful when not veering, as inevitably they do, into black farce. Yet the play's power is undeniable.

Chinese line up display of Olympic fireworks

David Miller watches the battle for votes to stage 2000 Games take on a dash of Oriental spice

This formerly colonial maritime city of 13 million, the largest in China, reverberates with a tempestuous firework display that rattles the roof tiles of the ancient jade temple. The first East Asian Games are a message as much as a sporting event.

A thousand postmen and harbour workers slowly pedal in lines of eight round the running track of the darkened Hongkou Stadium, the 2,000 wheels of their bicycles symbolising Peking's bid for the millenium Olympic Games. Dressed in white and with their rear wheels illuminated by sparklers, they form a ghostly magic-lantern show.

It was due to have rained. Instead, the air force flew in from Peking the night before to arrange high altitude chemical adjustments of the meteorological elements. Cynical westerners suggest that these Games are no more than an expedient trick to boost Peking's chances of winning the vote as 2000 Olympic hosts. This notion is doubly uninformed.

These Games were initiated by the Japanese, though they themselves are too preoccupied with the quadrennial full Asian Games, in Hiroshima next year, to have been the hosts now. Moreover, the East Asia Games are a rebirth of the Far East Games, which pre-dated, for instance, the Commonwealth Games by almost 20 years, running from 1913 to 1933 until Japan occupied Manchuria.

Following the second world war, India initiated the full Asian Games within an Asian federation. This gave way, nudged by Juan Antonio Samaranch in 1981, to the Olympic Council of Asia, which has been politically confused. The big sports powers, China, Japan and the two Koreas — who collectively gained 35 of Asia's 38 gold medals in Barcelona last year — wanted to reassert their regional authority: hence these Games, more geographically exact than "Far East" and including Mongolia, Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwan and Guam.

Benefit this week to Peking is therefore coincidental yet unquestionably substantial. Fifteen International Olympic Committee (IOC) members present are reminded of Chinese competence. That, of course, is no more than in Sydney or Manchester, but so much of this absurd bidding process — likely to be replaced before the next time by executive board decision — is about image and awareness-promotion.

When it comes to the subtleties of social/political chess, the Chinese, with 3,000 years of practice during unending intrigues and bloody civil wars among dynastic emperors, have few peers. Whether the excessive cost and manpower Peking have put into the campaign — an estimated $30 million, with 200 staff going to Monte Carlo for the voting session — will woo the IOC remains to be seen.

Bob Scott, chairman of Manchester's Olympic bid, observed: "It has to be recognised that the last two successful bidding cities, Atlanta and Nagano, have had the most demonstrative campaigns. We aim for a crescendo over the last three months." A charter plane will take IOC members from the museum-opening session in June direct from Lausanne to Manchester, and hope to have had more visiting voters than any of the other five candidates.

Chang Ung, general secretary of the North Korea Olympic committee, considers Manchester a genuine threat to Peking and the confident Sydney. "At a meeting of Asians here, there was a clear feeling that Manchester are closing the gap," he said.

What is undeniably evident from a week in Peking and Shanghai is the exceptional and a genuine enthusiasm of young people, unprovoked by party propaganda. At the end of a dinner I attended in Peking, a 20-year-old was reaching patiently outside to deliver a message of goodwill to He Zhenliang, president of the Chinese Olympic committee. He had cycled 600 miles from Anhui Province, stopping en route at his own expense.

There are constant spontaneous petitions of support, some perhaps "arranged". Peking and Shanghai are papered wall-to-wall with optimistic slogans. The Chinese face a mammoth anti-climax should they fail.

Phillies pass 20 mark on way to big lead

By Robert Kirley

THE Philadelphia Phillies became the first major-league baseball team to win 20 games when they beat the St Louis Cardinals 4-3 on Friday.

The Phillies followed up by sweeping the three-game weekend series, winning 6-5 on Sunday on Mariano Duncan's grand-slam home run off Lee Smith with two out in the eighth inning. Philadelphia have won 12 of 15 games and are six and a half games clear of their nearest rivals. The difference between first and second in the three other divisions is half a game.

David Cone, of the Kansas City Royals, went the distance and gave up just two hits to the Texas Rangers on Sunday but lost 2-1. One hit was a two-run home run by Juan Gonzalez.

On Friday, Nolan Ryan, of Texas, allowed six runs in the first inning on his return from a knee injury, as Kansas City won 9-4. The Rangers made three errors, one by Ryan, who underwent arthroscopic surgery on April 15. He gave up seven hits over four innings, walked three and struck out only one.

The Colorado Rockies, in their first year of competition, topped one million in home attendance on Sunday with a crowd of 70,786. The Rockies, holding last place in their division, reached the milestone in 17 home dates, breaking the record of 21 home dates the Toronto Blue Jays required to reach one million last year.

In his second two-home-run game of the week, Mark McGwire led the Oakland Athletics to a 6-3 win over the Boston Red Sox. McGwire, who also hit two home runs against the New York Yankees, found the range against the Boston leader, Roger Clemens, and added another towering shot off Greg Harris.

The result dropped Clemens to a career record of five wins and 11 losses against Oakland. The A's are the only team with a winning record against Clemens.

George Bell's bases-loaded single with one out in the ninth inning scored Ozzie Guillen with the winning run as the Chicago White Sox completed a three-game sweep of the Cleveland Indians 6-5. Chicago lead the American League West.

Roxburgh shuffles Scots pack

By Our Sports Staff

COLIN Hendry, of Blackburn Rovers, has been included in the Scotland football squad for the World Cup qualifying game in Estonia next week. Hendry, described as a "swashbuckling centre half" by the Scotland coach, Andy Roxburgh, is one of a number of new faces in the party as more experienced players are rested.

"Colin is the kind of defender who can move forward and score goals. He is very brave and is getting better and better," said Roxburgh, who has decided to concentrate on young players following the heavy defeat in Portugal which effectively ended Scottish hopes of reaching the finals in the United States.

"The team died in Lisbon and we have to try for a rebirth," Roxburgh said. "What happened has speeded up the evolution of the team, but it is a process which has to be done carefully. We cannot just sweep everyone away. We must keep a balance."

The Dundee United striker, Duncan Ferguson, is likely to be given a leading role in the two matches against Estonia. Ferguson is back in full training after injury and could play this weekend. "That would give him a reasonable chance of playing in Estonia and he should certainly be fit for the second game at Aberdeen," Roxburgh said.

Paul McStay, of Celtic, and Manchester United's Brian McClair, have been retained but Roxburgh said he was taking other experienced players "out of the firing line as I do not want to add to their problems."

Roxburgh said: "I have heard during the last ten days talk of a crisis in Scottish football. I agree with that, but I would point out that six games ago Scotland were officially fifth in Europe, a status not achieved before.

"There is not a lack of talent, but an abuse of talent. That is there for everyone to see, particularly with the stress injuries received by our better players. Everyone knows the reasons — a congested programme, the way we play by gritting our teeth and the fact that we play in the worst of conditions.

"Our national team players who were in the European championships have not had a break for two years and have played in the worst of weather at an intense level twice a week. Every time we have an international match it is an agony. I do not know what I am going to have to deal with next. We average six or seven call-offs per match."

☐ Heart of Midlothian have promoted Sandy Clark, the reserve team coach, to fill the managerial vacancy created by the dismissal of Joe Jordan last week.

SCOTLAND SQUAD

S Booth (Aberdeen), D Bowman (Dundee United), T Boyd (Celtic), J Collins (Celtic), D Ferguson (Dundee United), I Ferguson (Rangers), K Gallacher (Blackburn Rovers), B Gunn (Norwich City), C Hendry (Blackburn Rovers), B Irvine (Aberdeen), A Main (Dundee United), A Maxwell (Rangers), B McClair (Manchester United), J McInally (Dundee United), A McLaren (Heart of Midlothian), P McStay (Celtic), P O'Donnell (Motherwell), J Robertson (Heart of Midlothian), G Smith (Aberdeen), S Wright (Aberdeen).

Impressive start by British women

By Christopher Irvine

GREAT Britain's women tennis players eased past Luxembourg with the minimum of fuss in the first of their round-robin matches in the Europe/Africa zone of the Federation Cup qualifying tournament in Nottingham yesterday.

Victories over Lithuania today and Ukraine on Thursday would see Britain comfortably through to Saturday's play-offs, although Russia, easy winners over Ukraine in their first tie, should prove a sterner examination tomorrow of Britain's ambition to reach the finals in Frankfurt in July.

The Grand Duchy is not noted for its tennis offspring, and the chasm in the world rankings was predictably confirmed, as Clare Wood (128) and Monique Javer (190), inflicted straight-set victories over Marie-Christine Goy (587) and Anne Kremer (752).

Wood, ranked fourth in Britain, was the more impressive performer, winning 6-2, 6-1, against a nervy opponent with little of threat in her playing armoury. The Brighton girl wrapped up the first set against Goy with an easy smash at the net which preceded four love games as she took the match in 65 minutes.

Javer took just five minutes longer to overcome Kremer. In an edgy affair dominated by a dozen breaks of service, the Briton's better all-court game prevailed 6-4, 6-4.

In spite of being seeded in their group, one of five comprising 22 nations, Britain's task had not been helped by the late withdrawal of Jo Durie, the country's longstanding No 1, with an injury to her left knee confirmed by tests carried out during the recent Hamburg tournament.

In the late afternoon doubles rubber, Julie Salmon stepped into the breach and, with Wood, served out a 6-1, 6-3 victory against the tiring Goy and Kremer to complete a satisfactory day's work with a 3-0 victory.



Dangerous driving: Javer hits a backhand on her way to victory yesterday

Five of Britain's top six men, including Jeremy Bates, have signed up for the premier division of the new Everest national club league, which starts at the weekend. Bates, the British No 1, will team up with John Lloyd for the David Lloyd Racquet Centre at Raynes Park, who begin their campaign at home to Millfield on Sunday. Chris Wilkinson, ranked second behind Bates, is playing for Royal Berkshire of Bracknell, and alongside Andrew Foster and Sean Cole, who are fifth and sixth in Britain. Mark Petchey, the British No 3, has signed for Castle Farm of Newcastle.

In the women's league, Amanda Grunfeld, ranked third, has joined Clearview (Essex). Shirli-Anne Siddall (5) is with Banbury West End, Sara Gomer (6) with Caversham and Valda Lake (7) has joined Edgbaston Priory.

The winners of the two premier divisions meet in the final at the Puma Centre, Welwyn, on May 29.

RESULTS: Pool C: Great Britain bt Luxembourg 3-0 (M Javer bt A Kremer, 6-4, 6-4; C Wood bt C Goy, 6-2, 6-1; Wood and J Salmon bt Kremer and Goy, 6-1, 6-3); Russia bt Ukraine, 3-0. Pool E: Slovenia bt Zimbabwe, 3-0; Israel bt Tunisia, 3-0.

Officials call for review of refereeing procedure

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

INTERNATIONAL refereeing standards were yesterday criticised by two of the Rugby Football Union's (RFU) leading officials, Geoff Cooke, the England and British Isles team manager, and Don Rutherford, the RFU's technical director.

Both have called for an independent panel to appoint referees to leading international matches. Cooke, in his review of England's season, complained at the quality of officials and that law changes may now have made the game too fast for one man to control adequately.

"We have been very disappointed with the standard of refereeing in the five nations' championship this year, with the honorable exception of Jim Fleming [Scotland]," he said. "When players are working so hard in their preparations, it seems only right that they should have the best available referees for the top matches."

However, Ed Morrison, England's leading referee, who will handle two of the Australia - South Africa games in August, said that the attitude of players was critical.

"If both sides take a positive attitude, there can be games you hardly need to referee," he said. "The freer the game, the easier it becomes, but the challenge for me personally is that I make the decisions. I accept, though, that other circumstances can apply, and this season in particular some sides have had difficulty adapting to the new laws."

Rutherford felt differences of interpretation, particularly in the tackle law, required the existence of a training panel for referees run by the International Rugby Football Board.

☐ A combined Oxford and Cambridge University party will become the first leading side from Britain to tour South Africa when it leaves on July 11 for an eight-match visit — its first tour as a combined side since the visit to Australia and New Zealand in 1989.

☐ Stuart Potter, the Leicester centre, will replace Damian Hopley on the England tour to Canada this month if Hopley fails a fitness test on a damaged calf muscle. The party leaves on Sunday.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL DIVISION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (NDMA): North: Leeds Cougars 0, Glasgow Lions 21. Central: Birmingham Bulls 7, Leicester Panthers 24; Coventry Jaguars 6, London Olympians 42. South: Thames Valley Chargers 14, Cardiff Mets 0.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Philadelphia Phillies 6, St Louis Cardinals 5; Florida Marlins 6, New York Mets 4, San Diego Padres 5, Chicago Cubs 4; Pittsburgh Pirates 6, Montreal Expos 5 (11 innings); Atlanta Braves 12, Colorado Rockies 7; Los Angeles Dodgers 6, San Francisco Giants 4; Houston Astros 6, Cincinnati Reds 3.

East division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia Phillies	22	7	.759	—
Montreal Expos	16	14	.533	6½
Pittsburgh Pirates	15	14	.517	7
St Louis Cardinals	15	15	.500	7½
Chicago Cubs	14	15	.483	8
Florida Marlins	14	16	.467	8½
New York Mets	10	18	.357	11½

West division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco Giants	19	12	.613	—
Houston Astros	18	12	.600	½
Atlanta Braves	18	15	.545	2
Los Angeles Dodgers	13	17	.433	5½
San Diego Padres	12	16	.429	5½
Cincinnati Reds	12	18	.400	6½
Colorado Rockies	10	20	.333	8½

AMERICAN LEAGUE: New York Yankees 11, Detroit Tigers 2. Baltimore Orioles 4, Toronto Blue Jays 3. Milwaukee Brewers 6, Boston Red Sox 0; Chicago White Sox 6, Cleveland Indians 5. Texas Rangers 2, Kansas City Royals 1. California Angels 7, Oakland 6 A's (10 innings); Seattle Mariners 6, Minnesota Twins 4.

East division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit Tigers	17	12	.586	—
New York Yankees	17	13	.567	½
Boston Red Sox	17	14	.548	1
Toronto Blue Jays	16	15	.516	2
Milwaukee Brewers	13	15	.464	3½
Baltimore Orioles	12	17	.414	5
Cleveland Indians	12	19	.387	6

West division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago White Sox	18	11	.621	—
California Angels	17	11	607	½
Texas Rangers	16	12	571	1½
Seattle Mariners	16	15	.516	3
Kansas City Royals	12	17	414	6
Minnesota Twins	12	17	.414	6
Oakland Athletics	10	17	.370	7

BASKETBALL

INTERNATIONAL SERIES (Reykjavik): Iceland 82, England 80 (Hubbard 22, Brown 17). Iceland 86, England 101 (Brown 25, Hubbard 22): Iceland 104, England 92 (Cunningham 24, Brown 23)

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-offs: Eastern Conference: Second round: New York Knicks 111, Charlotte Hornets 95 (New York lead best-of-seven series 1-0). First round: Cleveland Cavaliers 99, New Jersey Nets 93 (Cleveland win 3-2) Western Conference: First round: Phoenix Suns 112, Los Angeles Lakers 104 (OT) (Phoenix win 3-2).

BOWLS

CIS INSURANCE SCOTTISH COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: South: Dumfriesshire 98, Renfrewshire South 130; Lanarkshire South 105, Glasgow South 133; Dumbartonshire East 111, Stewartry 112: Ayrshire 112, Wigtownshire 118. East: Stirlingshire East 103, East Lothian 108; Fife 121, Linlithgowshire 132, Midlothian 92, West Fife 132, Edinburgh and Leith 146, Borders 104. North: Angus 131, Aberdeen and Kincardine 111: Bon Accord 120, Perthshire 116, Buchan 118, Highland 112: Northern Counties 122, City of Dundee 118. West: Clackmannan and Kinross 119, Dumbartonshire West 109; Glasgow North 102, Lanarkshire West 118; Renfrewshire West 131, Stirlingshire West 93.

CRICKET

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Aldenham 205-4 dec, Christ's 138-8, Allhallows 38, Milton Abbey 37; Arnold 115, King's, Macclesfield 116-4; Bancroft 220-3 dec (C Greenhill 104 not out), Forest 133-9; Berkhamsted 187-4 dec (N Wolstenholme 111), Oratory 188-3; Bishop's Stortford 181-7 dec, St Edmund's 127; Brighton 208-9, Worth 156; Bryanston 215-9 dec, King's, Bruton 141-8; Charterhouse 163, Tonbridge 164-3. Cheltenham House 219, St Lawrence, Ramsgate 160-6, Christ's, Brecon 136-7 dec, Belmont Abbey 137-5; Colchester RGS 216-3 dec, Culford 163. Colston's 208-4 dec, Prior Park 157-7; Dean Close 150, Magdalene 151-6; Blundell's 242-3 dec, Downside 209-7; Dulwich 121, King's, Canterbury 100-7; Eastbourne 217-5 dec, Cranleigh 220-3; Eltham 211-9 dec, Trinity, Croydon 108-6, Enfield 144-7 dec, Chigwell 78-8, Epsom 210-5 dec, St John's, Leatherhead 137-9; Exeter 150, Taunton 87, Haberdashers' Aske's 214-2 (Harris 105), QE Barnet 116; Haileybury 222-3 dec (A Lewis 100 not out), Bedford 161-5; John Fisher 113, Judd 90; KCS Wimbledon 200-6 dec, St George's, Weybridge 149-9; Kent College 107, Dover 108-6; King Edward VII, Southampton 238 (Treagus 134 not out), Lord Wandsworth 151-5, King's, Taunton 248-7, Canford 186-5; Leeds GS 221-4 dec (I Sutcliffe 113), Nottingham HS 159, Maidstone 97, Cranbrook 98-7, Marlborough 206-7 dec, Eton 207-5. MCC 189-3 dec (R Cox 100 not out), Wrekin 189-2; Mill Hill 243-4 dec (D Goodwin 100), The Leys 112-6; Monkton Combe 165-4 dec, Kingswood 98-5; Mount St Mary 176-9 dec, Oakham 177-4 (J Bull 116 not out); Newcastle-under-Lyme 189-7 dec, *Tettenhall College 111-0: RGS Guildford 196-9 dec, Tiffin 159-6, RGS Worcester 194-7 dec, Bromsgrove 138; Reigate 203-7 dec, Hampton 148-7; Repton 220-7 dec (J Sheard 105), Rugby 201-6, Sedbergh 115, Durham 116-0; Shebbear 138-7 dec, Kelly 141-3, Sutton Valence 179-7 dec, King's, Rochester 179-7, UCS 226-6 dec (A Grishen 113), St Dunstan's 197-6 (J Bennett 120 not out), Watford 191-9 dec, Latymer Upper 128-8; Wellington (Somerset) 204, Bristol 189-6, Whitgift 150, Hurstpierpoint 151-7. Winchester 203-9 dec, Wellington (Berks) 207-3; Wycliffe 183 (I Collins 100), Monmouth 184-5; Cheltenham College 299-1 (M Cawdron 175, D Lawrence 115 not out), Radley 200; Marling 150-8 dec, Rendcomb 86, Old Newcastilians 228-3 dec, Newcastle-under-Lyme 146-1; St Bede's 99, Sutton Valence 100-2.

CYCLING

TOUR DuPONT: Fourth stage (Pen Mar, Maryland to Hershey, Pennsylvania, 178.8km): 1, W Veenstra (Holl), 4hr 03min 19sec; 2, D Phinney (US), 3, A Olano (Sp), 4, A Byakov (Russ); 5, M Elliott (GB); 6, F Andreu (US); 7, M Patry (Bel), 8, D Rayner (GB), all same time. Overall: 1, J Nelsen (Holl), 12hr 09min 40sec, 2, R Alcala (Mex), 10sec behind, 3, E Vanderaerden (Bel), 26sec. 4, D Mann (GB), 28sec. Other British: 7, S Yates, 44sec behind; equal 10, Elliott, 49sec.

ETON FIVES

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-finals: L Wootten and K Runnacles bt K Vargus and T Dunbar, 12-1, 12-4; N Rossi and H Bancroft bt W McLachan and S Gomm, 12-3, 12-9. Final: Wootten and Runnacles bt Rossi and Bancroft, 12-4, 12-2, 12-4.

FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP: Qualifying matches: Concacaf group: Mexico 2, Canada 1 (Mexico reach finals); El Salvador 2, Honduras 1.

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: First division: Tottenham 1, Fulham 2; West Ham 1, Luton 2.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Premier division: Maidstone Tigresses 0, Doncaster Belles 3; Red Star Southampton 1, Arsenal 4; Wimbledon 3, Ipswich Town 1. First division: North: Cowgate Kestrels 5, Villa Aztecs 1. South: Hemel Hempstead 1, Epsom and Ewell 4

ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: Boca Juniors 1, Gimnasia y Esgrima 1; Racing Club 1, Newell's Old Boys 1, Platense 2, River Plate 1; Deportivo Mandiyu 1, Ferrocarril Oeste 0; Talleres 0, Huracan 0; Lanus 1, Velez Sarsfield 1; San Lorenzo 1, Belgrano 0; Argentinos Juniors 0, San Martin 0; Rosario Central 0, Deportivo Espanol 0; Estudiantes de la Plata 0, Independiente 1.

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: São Paulo championship: First stage: Group A: Bragantino 2, Marilia 0; Juventus 3, Noroeste 3; Mogi Mirim 2, Corinthians 2, Palmeiras 2, XV de Piracicaba 1; Ponte Preta 1, Uniao São Joao 2; Rio Branco 1, Guarani 1; Santos 5, Ituano 1; São Paulo 3, Portuguesa 0. Final standings (30 matches): 1, Palmeiras, 44pts; 2, São Paulo, 39; 3, Corinthians, 39; 4, Santos, 39 Group B: Ferroviaria 0, Santo Andre 0; Novorizontino 7, Catanduvense 0; São Caetano 0, America/São Paulo 4; Taquaritinga 0, São Jose 1, XV de Jau 1, Aracatuba 2. Final standings (28 matches): 1, Novorizontino, 36pts; 2, Ferroviaria, 36; 3, America, 35; 4, Santo Andre, 32. Rio de Janeiro: Second stage: America/Rio de Janeiro 1, Itaperuna 0; Americano 3, Olaria 0; Botafogo/Rio de Janeiro 1, Vasco da Gama 2; Volta Redonda 1, Bangu 1.

GOLF

EUROPEAN RYDER CUP POINTS TABLE: 1, B Lane (Eng), 308,457.11; 2, C Montgomerie (Scot), 254,214.12; 3, N Faldo (Eng), 247,777.50; 4, M James (Eng), 243,424.08; 5, J Spence (Eng), 210,577.65; 6, D Gilford (Eng), 181,065.93; 7, P Broadhurst (Eng), 175,938.81; 8, A Lyle (Scot), 172,109.01; 9, C Rocca (It), 167,944.84; 10, M A Jiménez (Sp), 167,288.18; 11, S Richardson (Eng), 165,377.91; 12, B Langer (Ger), 164,751.48; 13, M Roe (Eng), 154,337.91; 14, J Payne (Eng), 152,606.24; 15, J M Olazábal (Sp), 152,179.17; 16, S Torrance (Scot), 151,555.95; 17, G Brand Jr (Scot), 131,307.76; 18, A Forsbrand (Swe), 125,381.04.

MARIETTA, Georgia: Atlanta Classic: Leading final scores (US unless stated): 271: N Henke, 67, 69, 68, 67. 273: T Sieckmann, 70, 64, 70, 69; N Price (Zim), 69, 67, 64, 73, M Calcavecchia, 67, 67, 67, 72. 274: F Allem (SA), 73, 68, 67, 66. 275: M Springer, 69, 66, 68, 72. 276: K Triplett, 73, 69, 70, 64; W Andrade, 67, 66, 73, 70; L Mize, 69, 69, 68, 70; B Claar, 70, 68, 67, 71; J Johnston, 71, 67, 64, 74; D Pruitt, 68, 66, 68, 74. 277: F Funk, 71, 69, 73, 64; H Irwin, 71, 69, 71, 66; C Pavin, 69, 71, 70, 67; B Chamblee, 70, 67, 69, 71; R Beleradorf, 67, 68, 71, 71.

OLD HICKORY, Tennessee: Sara Lee Classic: Leading final round scores (US unless stated): 205: M Mallon, 67, 68, 70; T Tombs (Can), 70, 71, 64 (Mallon won at third hole of play-off). 206: D L Dormann, 66, 70, 70. 207: D C Jones (Can), 64, 76, 67; H Kobayashi (Japan), 69, 70, 68; B Burton, 70, 68, 69; E King, 67, 69, 71. 208: B Bunkowsky, 71, 70, 67; V Skinner, 69, 72, 67; D Mochrie, 71, 67, 70; A Okamoto (Japan), 65, 71, 72. 209: T Kerdyk, 72, 67, 70; D Ammaccapane, 72, 67, 70; A Read, 68, 71, 70; L Walters, 68, 68, 73.

AUSTIN, Texas: Legends tournament: Leading final scores: 204: H Henning, 69, 70, 65, D January, 70, 68, 66; T Weiskopf, 65, 72, 65. 205: R Charles, 70, 69, 66; G Gilbert, 65, 71, 69. 206: R Nichols, 73, 69, 64, C C Rodriguez, 71, 70, 75; D Douglass, 75, 73, 68; G Archer, 66, 68, 74; T Aaron, 70, 66, 70.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL): Stanley Cup: Second round play-offs: Norris division: St Louis Blues 1, Toronto Maple Leafs 4 (best-of-seven series level 2-2). Smythe division: Los Angeles Kings 2, Vancouver Canucks 7 (series level 2-2).

REAL TENNIS

BORDEAUX: Women's women doubles championship: Semi-finals (GB unless stated): S Jones and A Garside bt K Allen and B Bidouze (Fr), 6-5, 6-2; C Cornwallis and P Lumley bt J Drewitt (Aus) and B Baker (Aus), 6-5, 6-2. Final: Cornwallis and Lumley bt Jones and Garside, 6-0, 6-4.

BNB Resources British professional singles championship: Semi-finals: L Deuchar bt C Ronaldson, 6-0, 6-3, 6-2; R Fahey bt C Bray, 6-2, 6-5, 6-3. Final: Deuchar bt Fahey, 6-5, 6-1, 6-4. Taylor Cup: H Latham bt R Whitehouse, 6-5, 6-3.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: London and Middlesex Open Pistol: Free pistol: 1, M Gault, 553; 2, P Leatherdale, 553 (on count back); 3, M Kemp, 544. Air pistol: 1, Gault, 582; 2, Kemp, 575, 3, N Freeland, 575 (count back). Women's sport pistol: 1, C Page, 577; 2, M Thomas, 585; 3, P Round, 587. Centre fire: 1, Gault, 581; 2, T Armstrong, 578; 3, B Smith, 577. Rapid fire: 1, M Jay 584; 2, J Rolfe, 574, 3, B Girling, 569. Standard pistol: 1, C Greenhough, 580; 2, P Clark, 567, 3, Leatherdale, 567. Standard handgun: 1, Leatherdale, 587; 2, Gault 587 (count back); 3, J Harrison, 582. Service pistol A: 1, M West, 170. Service pistol B: Rolfe, 112. Police pistol: 1, Rolfe, 239.

BISLEY: English VIII and Scottish VIII rifle meeting: Cottesloe Cup (England): 1, J Collings, 418; 2, J Carmichael, 414; 3, E Tribe, 409/23; 4, D Friend 409/21. Scottish Cup: J McAllister 420. Welsh Cup: L Brister, 394. Rankan Memorial Cup (1,200 yds agg): D Calvert, 138. Grand aggregate: 1, McAllister, 420.33; 2, Calvert, 419.38; 3, Collings, 418.35.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Home Counties: 1, Surrey, 1,177.154; 2, Sussex, 1,175.128. Southern: 1, Berkshire, 1,177.150; 2, Hampshire, 1172.144. Eastern: 1, Hertfordshire, 1,175.155; 2, Essex, 1,170.114.

BAD KREUZNACH, Germany: Women's international pistol meeting: Sport pistol: 1, Sudbaden, 1,685; 2, British Women's Pistol Association, 1,671 (B Young 558, B Barber 544, C Benest 571). Individual: 1, M Stein, 579; 2, Benest, 571. Air Pistol: 1, Sudbaden, 1,138; 2, BWPA, 1,123 (Benest 377; Young 376; Barber 370.)

TENNIS

ROME: Italian Open: Men's tournament: First round: G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt J Oncins (Br), 6-3, 6-7, 6-3, T Muster (Austria) bt J Hlasek (Switz), 6-3, 3-6, 7-6; L Mattar (Br) bt A Mansdorf (Isr), 7-6, 7-6; A Boetsch (Fr) bt P Kuhnen (Ger), 7-6, 6-3; P Sampras (US) bt R Furlan (It), 6-1, 7-6, J Siemerink (Holl) bt M Washington (US), 6-4, 7-6; F Clavet (Sp) bt M Larsson (Swe), 7-6, 3-6, 7-5, C Borgstrom (Swe) bt F Dann (Arg), 4-6, 7-6, 6-4; F Santoro (Fr) bt J Sánchez (Sp), 6-4, 3-1 ret'd.

TAMPA BAY, Florida: Men's tournament: Final: J Yzaga (Peru) bt R Fromberg (Aus), 6-4, 6-2.

BASINGSTOKE: LTA satellite tournament: Women: First round: V Lake (Devon) bt C Hunt (Dorset), 6-3, 7-5; P Prorkowski (US) bt I Kurta (US), 6-1, 6-1; K Warne-Holland (Cheshire) bt S Tse (IoM), 6-2, 6-0; K Cross (Devon) bt J Kamp (Holl), 6-1, 6-0; L Woodroffe (Surrey) bt Z Csapo (Hun), 6-3, 6-3; R Sorova (Cz) bt E Nortje (Nam), 6-4, 6-4; M Vallin (Swe) bt R Pelikanova (Cz), 6-4, 6-4; V Humphreys-Davies (Cambs) bt S Boulding (Yorks), 6-3, 6-1; C Taylor (Oxon) bt H Matthews (Hants), 6-4, 6-2.

WATER POLO

WORLD CUP: Italy 9, Australia 4; Hungary 6, United States 2; Germany 10, Greece 9 (aet); Russia 11, Cuba 7.

WINDSURFING

OMAEZAKI, Japan: Sometime World Cup: 1, B Dunkerbeck (Sp), 1st course racing, 2nd waves; 2, A Bringdal (Swe), 5, 2. 3, N Baker (GB), 4, 10.

YACHTING

BRITISH STEEL CHALLENGE: Third leg: Leading positions (at 14:00 GMT yesterday with miles to Southampton): 1, Group 4 Securitas (M Golding), 2,105; 2, Commercial Union (R Merriweather), 2,111, 3, Nuclear Electric (J Chittenden), 2,129, 4, Pride of Teesside (I MacGillivray), 2,140; 5, British Steel II (R Tudor), 2,144; 6, Rhone-Poulenc (P Phillips), 2,148; 7, Coopers & Lybrand (V Cherry), 2,183; 8, Interspray (P Jeffes), 2,211; 9, Hofbrau Lager (P Goss), 2,361; 10, Heath Insured (A Donovan), 2,443.

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BRIGHTLINGSEA: International 505 world championship qualifier: 1, P Brotherton and B Masterman; 2, I Barker and T Hancock; 3, C Robinson and J Ironmonger, 4, I Walker and A Partington; 5, I Pinnell and D Cripps.

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday May 15

VICTORIA FIRST DIVISION
1 Oakleigh v Altona City
1 Pt Melbourne v Western
2 Wembee v Broadm'dows

VICTORIA SECOND DIVISION
2 E Brunswick v Chelsea
X Mooroolbark v Box Hill
2 Nunawd'g v Spr'gvale U
1 Sandringham v Doveton
X S Caulfield v Bentleigh
1 Sunbury v Clifton Hill
2 Waverley v Clarinda

VICTORIA THIRD DIVISION
2 Dandenong v Lalor
X Eltham v Seaford Utd
1 Essendon v Moorabbin
2 Geelong v Regent
1 Pascoe Vale v Fitzroy
X S Danden'g v S Werribee

VICTORIA FOURTH DIVISION
1 Brighton v Boronia
1 Kaningal v S Springvale
X Malvern v E Altona
2 Mornington v Langwarrin
2 SH Polonia v Cranbourne
2 Yarraville v Rosanna

VICTORIA FIFTH DIVISION
1 Ballarat v Heidelberg
1 Brandon Pk v Lalor
1 E Geelong v Frankston U
1 West Vale v Springvale C
X Williamstown v Melton
X Yallourn v Forest Hill

VICTORIA SIXTH DIVISION
1 Brunswick v Lyndale
1 E Richmond v Knox Park
1 Glenroy v Hoppers
1 Old Scotch v Monbulk

WEST AUSTRALIA FIRST DIVISION
2 Bassendean v Perth Ital
1 Bayswater v Kingsway
X Fremantle v Rockingham
1 Kelmscott v Stirling M
2 Osborne Park v Athena
2 Sorrento v N Perth

WEST AUSTRALIA SECOND DIVISION
1 Gosnells v Wanneroo
1 Melville v Balga
X Morley v Dianella
1 North Lake v Ashfield
X Queens Pk v Swan IC
2 S Vardar v Armadale Pk
1 Swan Crac v Stirling T

SOUTH AUSTRALIA FIRST DIVISION
2 Adelaide v Modbury
1 Blue Eagles v Enfield
X Olympians v WT Birkalla
1 Para Hills v Croydon
X Woodville v Salisbury

QUEENSLAND THIRD DIVISION
1 Annerley v Darra
1 Redlands v Logan

QUEENSLAND FOURTH DIVISION
X Clairvaux v Oxley
1 Virginia v Samford

NEW SOUTH WALES FIRST DIVISION
X Mt Pritchard v Hakoah
1 W Wanderers v Dulwich H

NEW SOUTH WALES SECOND DIVISION
2 Fairfield v North Ryde
1 Penrith v Concord

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Mooroolbark, South Caulfield, Eltham, South Dandenong, Malvern, Williamstown, Yallourn, Morley, Olympians, Woodville, Clairvaux, Mount Pritchard.
BEST DRAWS: South Caulfield, Yallourn, Morley, Woodville, Clairvaux.
AWAYS: Chelsea, Lalor United, Regent, Langwarrin, Rosanna, Perth Ital, Athena, North Perth.
HOMES: Port Melbourne, Sunbury, Brighton, Ballarat, East Richmond, Old Scotch, Melville, Blue Eagles, Annerley, Redlands, West Wanderers, Penrith.

☐ Vince Wright

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Benson and Hedges Cup
First round
11.0, 55 overs
STOCKTON-ON-TEES: Durham v Hampshire
DERBY: Derbyshire v Middlesex
CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Sussex
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Warwickshire
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Somerset
THE OVAL: Surrey v Lancashire
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Essex
HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Northamptonshire

BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY: Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Durham. Newbury Park: Essex v Sussex. Southampton: Hampshire v Gloucestershire. Old Trafford: Lancashire v Leicestershire. Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Somerset.

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

FA Premier League
Arsenal v Tottenham (7.45)
QPR v Sheffield Wed (7.45)

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Connah's Quay v Porthmadog.
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division (7.0): Bradford v Everton; Oldham v Wigan; Preston v Mansfield.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Second division: Exeter v Swansea (7.0).
BASS IRISH CUP: Final: Second replay: Ards v Bangor (at Windsor Park).
BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Tennents Floodlit Trophy: Final: Chadderton v Newcastle Town.

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: WBA continental heavyweight championship: Herbie Hide (Norwich) v Jerry Halstead (US) (at Norwich Sports Village).
TENNIS: Federation Cup: Qualifying round (Nottingham).

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 40

NORMAN'S WOE

(b) A ship-wrecking reef. Longfellow, *Wreck of the Hesperus*: "Christ save us all from a death like this/ On the reef of Norman's Woe."

SKEELY SKIPPER

(c) A capable sea captain. Anon, *The Ballad of Sir Patrick Spens*: "The king sits in Dunfermline town/ Drinking the blude-red wine/ 'Oh whar will I get me a skeely skipper/ To sail this new ship of mine?' "

OLD SUPERB

(c) A battleship, from Newbolt's poem of the same name: "The Old Superb was barnacled and green as grass below,/ Her sticks were only fit for stirring grog."

REXETER

None of the proposed answers is right, since there is no such word known to lexicography. But the implied originals are (a) Wroxeter, (b) Rector, and (c) Astrex.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

Solution: the unfortunate position of the black queen is the key: 1 Nf6+! gxf6 2 Qg4+ Bg7 3 Bxf6 and black gets mated.

TUESDAY MAY 11 1993

Officials call for review of refereeing procedure

Injury forces Bin Ajwaad out of Epsom reckoning

By Julian Muscat

BIN Ajwaad, as low as 6-1 second favourite for the Derby, has been ruled out of the classic after sustaining a fracture in his near-hind leg.

His trainer, Ben Hanbury, believes the injury occurred in the final furlong of Sunday's Poule d'Essai des Poulains (French 2,000 Guineas) at Longchamp, in which Bin Ajwaad ran a highly satisfactory Derby trial in chasing home Kingmambo at a respectable one-and-a-half lengths. It is unlikely the colt will race again this season.

Bin Ajwaad's defection from the Blue Riband prompted a major revision in the Derby betting. Ladbrokes took the most evasive action, shortening the favourite, Tenby, to 6-4 from 2-1. They also cut Barathea a point to 7-1.

Hanbury said of Bin Ajwaad: "He sustained a small fracture of the sesamoid bone in his left hind leg and is definitely out of the Derby."

The colt was expected to arrive back at Hanbury's Newmarket stable late last night.

His vet will examine the injury this morning, but a more complete assessment of Bin Ajwaad's racing career will not be made before the end of the week.

The colt had sound prospects of making an impact at Epsom, and his misfortune has left a gaping hole in credible alternatives to Tenby. The latter attempts to consolidate his position at the head of the market in tomorrow's Tote Dante Stakes at York, where the going is now good to soft after a deluge yesterday.

The clerk of the course, John Smith, has been watering to prevent the ground from becoming firm, but half an inch of rain has ensured there will be plenty of give underfoot.

"It has already started to dry out," Smith said yesterday afternoon. "If it stays dry the ground will be perfect on Wednesday, but showers are forecast and it could be a bit sticky on the stands side in the home straight."

Further rain could promote conditions similar to those of the Ebor meeting in 1991, when a liberal watering policy combined with heavy rain to produce false racing ground.

Trainers were up in arms over the conditions, which played a considerable part in the subsequent series of shock results.

Henry Cecil withdrew Tenby from his intended seasonal reappearance at Sandown because of soft ground, but he was delighted to hear that rain had got into the ground.

"I was praying for a bit of rain," he said yesterday. "Tenby wants good ground. He's not a big horse — he's less than 15 hands — and when he ran in bottomless ground in France last season you could only just see his head."

The ground is also made to measure for Cecil's other big-race candidates, Commander In Chief and Allegan, who contests the Yorkshire Cup. "Commander In Chief is a big horse who hits the ground quite hard, and I don't want to jar him up at this stage," the trainer said.

Conditions have also come right for Sueboog, the Oaks favourite, who contests today's Musidora Stakes. This will be the Darshaan filly's first attempt beyond seven furlongs, but her pedigree suggests she will continue to improve the further she goes.

Sueboog pulled hard in last season's Dewhurst Stakes, where she finished fourth to Zafonic. However, Clive Brittain, her trainer, is not concerned that she might again fight for her head in this small field. "We've worked on her over the winter and she settled quite beautifully at Newbury," he said.



Hanbury: anxious wait for veterinary report before assessing Bin Ajwaad's future

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Clouded Elegance
(4.35 York)

Next best: Iviza
(3.35 York)

Dettori is cautioned over drug possession

By Julian Muscat

LANFRANCO Dettori was yesterday cautioned and released, without being charged, for possessing cocaine when routinely stopped in London last month.

The 22-year-old jockey, currently awaiting a decision on whether he can ride in Hong Kong, was arrested near Oxford Street and bailed to appear at Marylebone Police Station yesterday morning.

Although Dettori walked free, the incident could have repercussions when the Italian's application to ride in Hong Kong is considered by that country's Jockey Club licensing committee later this month. Gary Ng, who trains in the colony, has been granted permission to retain a stable jockey next season, and has nominated Dettori.

The annual terms of the two-year retainer are understood to be worth in the region of £200,000. Ng declared yesterday he would be following through with his application on Dettori's behalf.

The jockey surprised many when he severed links with Luca Cumani in favour of the Hong Kong contract, which *remains unconfirmed.* Dettori's rise through the ranks has been little short of meteoric, and the opportunity to ride in Hong Kong would surely have arisen later.

With the licensing committee's decision hanging over him, Dettori now faces a critical moment in his career. An unfavourable outcome will force him to continue the demanding and unrewarding business of riding freelance.

Spanish Fair tops auction

By Julian Muscat

THE promising five-year-old Spanish Fair made 72,000 guineas, the day's highest price, at a dispersal of the late Arthur Stephenson's bloodstock interests yesterday.

Winner of his only point-to-point in Ireland last year, the gelding was also successful over hurdles at Newcastle this season. He was bought by northern trainer Sue Bramall, who plans to shape the rest of his exciting career.

The auction was attended by many of jump racing's leading names, among them the champion trainer, Martin Pipe. There were 129 horses offered without reserve at the Stephenson family's Crawleas stables in the Co Durham village of Leasingthorne. They were testament to the huge influence Stephenson exerted on the sport.

There was also a welcome development. Stephenson's son, John, has elected to take up the post as assistant trainer to Peter Cheesbrough, Stephenson's nephew, who took over the training licence on Stephenson's death in December.

There was standing room only for most of the day in the makeshift auction ring, set up inside a large barn, with whitewashed walls, hired tiered seating and full audio effects to ensure the smooth passage of the bids.

Conducting the auction was Doncaster Bloodstock Sales, whose director, Henry Beeby, said last night: "The sale has been an enormous success. The place has been buzzing all day, and the money some of these horses have made fully reflects the equine riches Arthur Stephenson developed over many years."

Many people's idea of the likely top lot, the five-year-old One Man, was knocked down to Gordon Richards for 68,000 guineas.

Blazing Walker, expected to be one of the highlights of the sale, was bought outright by his part-owner, the Swiss-based Peter Piller, for 40,000 guineas.

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

YORK
C4

2.30: Shaikh Mohammed holds a strong hand here with two promising types, Alinova and Colorful Ambition. Preference is for **Alinova**, an Alleged filly, who shaped well on her debut in a Newmarket maiden when staying on strongly for third place behind Oakmead, who captured last Saturday's Oaks Trial at Lingfield.

3.00: Branston Abby had today's rival, Stack Rock, well beaten in third place when landing a Carlisle conditions event last month. Stack Rock, who has since won at Chester in good style, is worse off at the weights today and Mark Johnston's talented filly can continue the good work. Master Planner could figure despite uninspiring form figures, while Cumbrian Waltzer, who landed this event two years ago, has claims. Double Blue and Venture Capitalist are others to consider.

3.35: Barry Hills is probably testing the water here for his main Oaks hope, Yawl, with his Newmarket third Pamzig. Iviza was a creditable fourth behind Taos in a listed race at Ascot last October but, on the evidence of her winning return in the Fred Darling Stakes, it would be folly to oppose **Sueboog**. Marillette comfortably won the May Hill Stakes at Doncaster and looks the one for the forecast.

4.05: Mary Reveley has two strong representatives in Hamilton winner White Willow and **Sunderland Echo**. The latter was noted staying on strongly at Newcastle last week, and gets the vote. Julie Cecil's Ambiguously Regal renews rivalry with narrow Haydock conqueror Legion Of Honour at Haydock and there may not be much between them again.

Dick Hinder

YORK

THUNDERER

2.00 Queenbird. 2.30 ALINOVA (nap). 3.00 Cumbrian Waltzer. 3.35 Sueboog. 4.05 Sword Master. 4.35 Azhar.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 QUEENBIRD (nap). 2.30 Alinova. 4.05 Sword Master.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.30 FRESCADE.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (GOOD IN PLACES) DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.00 EBF ZETLAND MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O fillies: £5,117: 5f) (6 runners)

101 (6) 2 CERTIFICATE-X 10 (BF) (Kingsley House) M Johnston 8-11 ... Dean McKeown 63
102 (5) 0 FRENCH GIFT 13 (R Tooth) D Elsworth 8-11 ... J Williams 97
103 (3) NIGHTITUDE (Miss G Abbey) M Heaton-Ellis 8-11 ... D Holland –
104 (1) NORDICO PRINCESS (J Graham) R Hollinshead 8-11 ... S Perks –
105 (4) 4 PRIMO STAMPARI 8 (Miss L Vickers) R Hannon 8-11 ... Pat Eddery 91
106 (2) QUEENBIRD (A Reid) H Cecil 8-11 ... W Ryan –

BETTING: 5-4 Queenbird, 3-1 Primo Stampari, 4-1 Certificate-X, 11-2 French Gift, 7-1 others.

1992: MARINA PARK 8-11 D McKeown (7-1) M Johnston 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

CERTIFICATE-X 1½l 2nd of 16 to Sporting Warrior in Thirsk (5f, good) maiden auction. FRENCH GIFT 9l 7th of 10 to Wajiba Rise in Ascot (5f, good) stakes race. NIGHTITUDE (foaled Mar 22, cost 32,000gns) half-sister by Night Shift to 7f juvenile winner Normanby Lass; dam 1m winner. PRIMO STAMPARI 6½l 4th of 11 to Imperial Bailiwick in Warwick (5f, good to firm) maiden. QUEENBIRD (Mar 14, 10,000gns) half-sister by Warning to several winners abroad; dam 1m winner in the United States.
No selection

2.30 SOTHEBY'S SLEDMERE CONDITIONS STAKES — C4
(3-Y-O: £4,274: 1m 5f 194yd) (6 runners)

201 (4) 206-21 KASSAB 25 (G) (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 8-13 ... W Carson 83
202 (6) 133-4 SHARJAH 29 (S) (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Jarvis 8-13 ... Pat Eddery 91
203 (5) 4 COLORFUL AMBITION 17 (Shaikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-11 ... W R Swinburn 71
204 (1) 3510-35 FRESCADE 7 (F) (F Salman) P Cole 8-11 ... A Munro 99
205 (3) 0-56 HALMANERROR 17 (Mrs J Smith) C W C Elsey 8-11 ... J Carroll 70
206 (2) 3 ALINOVA 28 (BF) (Shaikh Mohammed) H Cecil 8-6 ... M Roberts 78

BETTING: 2-1 Alinova, 11-4 Frescade, 4-1 Kassab, 11-2 Sharjah, 6-1 Colorful Ambition, 25-1 Halmanerror.

1992: AMBIGUOUSLY REGAL 8-11 Pat Eddery (7-2) Mrs J Cecil 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

KASSAB beat Anchor Stone 3½l in 7-runner Thirsk (1m 4f, good) maiden. COLOURFUL AMBITION 4¾l 4th of 18 to Shareek in Leicester (1m 2f, good) maiden.
FRESCADE 7½l last of 6 to Armiger in group III Dalham Chester Vase (1m 4f 66yd, good to firm). Previously 9l 3rd of 7 to Azzilfi in Nottingham (1m 2f, good) stakes race with SHARJAH (2lb better off) 1½l 4th.
HALMANERROR 19l 6th of 11 to Circus Colours in Ripon (1m 2f, good) maiden. ALINOVA 4l 3rd of 10 to subsequent winner Oakmead in Newmarket (1m 4f, good) maiden.
Selection: ALINOVA

3.00 PAUL CADDICK AND MACGAY SPRINT TROPHY RATED HANDICAP — C4
(£10,237: 6f) (16 runners)

301 (2) 302-051 FYLDE FLYER 24 (V,CD,F,G,S) (Blackpool Gazette) J Berry 4-9-7 ... J Carroll 93
302 (14) 1156-01 BRANSTON ABBY 18 (D,F,G,S) (J Abell) M Johnston 4-8-13 ... M Roberts 95
303 (5) 60060-5 FARFELU 14 (C,D,F,G) (J O'Mulloy) W Muir 6-8-12 ... T Quinn 92
304 (15) 331-423 HARD TO FIGURE 12 (D,F,G,S) (J Mursell) R Hodges 7-8-11 ... W Carson 96
305 (11) 0020-46 DUPLICITY 12 (D,F,S) (J Khan) L Holt 5-8-11 ... J Reid 93
306 (13) 6000-31 STACK ROCK 5 (D,F,G,S) (Castle Racing) E Alston 6-8-11 (3ex) ... K Fallon 98
307 (6) 1020-22 DOUBLE BLUE 12 (D,BF,F,G,S) (R Huggins) M Johnston 4-8-10 ... Dean McKeown 95
308 (16) 0000-60 MASTER PLANNER 13 (CD,F,G) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-8-10 ... D Biggs 97
309 (8) 000660- MASTER OF PASSION 225 (D,F,G) (Mrs M Kwee) J Eustace 4-8-9 ... L Piggott 84
310 (4) 1200-05 VENTURE CAPITALIST 12 (B,D,F,G) (Mrs J Harris) R Hannon 4-8-9 ... K Darley 95
311 (3) 00002-1 SIR HARRY HARDMAN 31 (D,G,S) (P Hobbs) F Lee 5-8-7 ... Pat Eddery 97
312 (12) 12/30-60 GILT THRONE 12 (D,F,G) (B Schmidt-Bodner) M Tompkins 6-8-7 ... P Robinson –
313 (7) 50500-2 MASSIBA 17 (D,F,S) (F Salisbury) M Heaton-Ellis 4-8-7 ... B Raymond 99
314 (9) 55500-0 GREEN DOLLAR 12 (CD,F,G) (B Azemoudeh) S Mellor 10-8-7 ... M Tebbutt 91
315 (1) 4000-05 RED ROSEIN 8 (D,F,G) (J Gibbs) J Wilson 7-8-7 ... G Carter 92
316 (10) 0040-03 CUMBRIAN WALTZER 17 (CD,F,G,S) M H Easterby 8-8-7 ... S Maloney (3) 95

Long handicap: Massiba 8-6, Green Dollar 8-5, Red Rosein 8-5, Cumbrian Waltzer 8-4

BETTING: 8-1 Double Blue, 9-1 Cumbrian Waltzer, Hard To Figure, Sir Harry Hardman, 10-1 Branston Abby, Massiba, 11-1 Venture Capitalist, 12-1 Fylde Flyer, Stack Rock, 14-1 Farfelu, Master Planner, 16-1 others.

1992: LOCHSONG 4-7-12 W Carson (9-2 fav) I Balding 21 ran

FORM FOCUS

FYLDE FLYER beat DOUBLE BLUE (4lb better off) 1l in 5-runner Thirsk (6f, good) stakes race. BRANSTON ABBY beat Our Rita 5l in 4-runner Carlisle (6f, heavy) stakes race with STACK ROCK (3lb worse off) 1l 3rd.
FARFELU 1½l 5th of 8 to Case Law in Bath (5f, good) stakes race. STACK ROCK beat Plain Fact ½l in 9-runner Chester (5f, good to firm) handicap. DOUBLE BLUE 1l 2nd of 10 to Splice in Newmarket (6f, good) handicap with HARD TO FIGURE (2lb better off) neck 3rd, VENTURE CAPITALIST (same terms) head and short-head 5th, DUPLICITY (1lb better off) 1½l 6th, GREEN DOLLAR (1lb worse off) 1l 7th and GILT THRONE (4lb better off) 5¾l 10th.
SIR HARRY HARDMAN beat Dominuet 1l in 7-runner Haydock (6f, soft) handicap with HARD TO FIGURE (7lb better off) 2l 4th. MASSIBA head 2nd of 22 to Languedoc in Leicester (6f, good) handicap with CUMBRIAN WALTZER (3lb better off) 2¾l 3rd and RED ROSEIN (4lb better off) 17½l 19th. RED ROSEIN 4¾l 5th of 9 to Amron in Doncaster (6f, good) handicap.
Selection: MASSIBA

3.35 TATTERSALLS MUSIDORA STAKES — C4
(Group III: 3-Y-O fillies: £25,003: 1m 2f 85yd) (5 runners)

401 (3) 14-1 SUEBOOG 25 (G) (M Obaida) C Brittain 8-12 ... W R Swinburn 99
402 (4) 315150- MARILLETTE 199 (F,G) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-10 ... Pat Eddery 94
403 (2) 531-56 GROVE DAFFODIL 11 (V,BF,G) (P Betts Ltd) M Tompkins 8-8 ... P Robinson 70
404 (1) 134- IVIZA 213 (G) (Shaikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-8 ... M Roberts 91
405 (5) 1-3 PAMZIG 12 (F) (H Laskel) B Hills 8-8 ... D Holland 85

BETTING: 4-5 Sueboog, 3-1 Iviza, 6-1 Marillette, Pamzig, 33-1 Grove Daffodil.

1992: ALL AT SEA 8-8 Pat Eddery (8-11 fav) H Cecil 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

SUEBOOG beat Ribbonwood 3½l in 7-runner group III Fred Darling Stakes at Newbury (7f 110yd, good). MARILLETTE beat Self Assured 3l in group III May Hill Stakes at Doncaster (1m, good) in September. GROVE DAFFODIL 6l 6th of 11 to Shamam in Newmarket (1m, good) handicap. IVIZA 3¼l 4th of 9 to Taos in Ascot (1m, good to soft) listed race. PAMZIG 2¾l 3rd of 5 to Magical Retreat in Newmarket (1m 2f, good) listed race.
Selection: SUEBOOG (nap)

4.05 YORKSHIRE TELEVISION HANDICAP — C4
(£5,344: 1m 3f 195yd) (16 runners)

501 (13) 11-0 LYPHANTASTIC 27 (D,F) (Miss S Payson) M Stoute 4-10-0 ... W R Swinburn 92
502 (14) 00/4150- HIGHFLYING 286 (C,D,F,G) (B Batey) G Moore 7-9-12 ... W Newnes 84
503 (9) 000-141 WHITE WILLOW 11 (D,G,S) (Mrs H North) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-7 ... K Darley 91
504 (4) 1600-42 AMBIGUOUSLY REGAL 10 (C,BF,G) (G Ohrstrom) Mrs J Cecil 4-9-7 ... G Duffield 93
505 (12) 200-410 IN THE MONEY 7 (D,G) (J Bagg) R Hollinshead 4-9-5 ... W Ryan 92
506 (1) 131031 SWORD MASTER 14 (D,G) (I Vogt) Bob Jones 4-9-5 ... N Day 92
507 (16) 234361- PURITAN 134J (F,S) (J Patks) N Tinkler 4-9-5 ... Kim Tinkler 88
508 (11) 000-050 LABURNUM 17 (G) (P Leonard) Mrs J Ramsden 5-9-4 ... K Fallon 99
509 (7) 2306-56 GLIDE PATH 22 (F) (The Jampot Partnership) J Hills 4-9-2 ... M Hills 95
510 (6) 1/50-061 LEGION OF HONOUR 10 (D,F,G) M Naughton 5-9-0 ... B Doyle (5) 92
511 (8) 00/566-2 ROSGILL 20J (D,F,S) (Brigadier Racing) M Tompkins 7-8-13 ... P Robinson 88
512 (10) 143-223 FIRST BID 8 (D,F,S) (Thomlinson's) R Whitaker 6-8-9 ... J Fanning 95
513 (2) 11021-4 SUNDERLAND ECHO 8 (D,BF,S) Mrs M Reveley 4-8-9 ... Darren Moffatt (5) 98
514 (15) 1415-20 FAIR FLYER 13 (D,F,G) (W Hunter) M Johnston 4-8-6 ... Dean McKeown 90
515 (3) 0/010-32 PERSUASIVE 6J (BF,G,S) (W McHarg) Miss L Perratt 6-8-3 ... Dale Gibson 98
516 (5) 063003 EIRE LEATH-SCEAL 5 (D,F,G) (M Bottam) M Brittain 6-7-7 ... J Lowe 92

Long handicap: Eire Leath-Sceal 7-4

BETTING: 6-1 Sunderland Echo, 9-1 Ambiguously Regal, Glide Path, White Willow, 10-1 Laburnum, Rosgill, Sword Master, 12-1 First Bid, Legion Of Honour, Lyphantastic, Persuasive, 14-1 Fair Flyer, 16-1 others.

1992: LINPAC WEST 6-9-13 B Raymond (15-2) C C Elsey 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

WHITE WILLOW beat Great Max 2½l in 6-runner Hamilton (1m 3f, good to soft) rated stakes race. IN THE MONEY beat Golden Torque 3l in 8-runner Thirsk (1m 4f, good) rated stakes race on penultimate start with SWORD MASTER (same terms) 4l 3rd. SWORD MASTER beat State Of Affairs 2½l in 13-runner Bath (1m 3f 144yd, good) handicap. PURITAN beat Ambuscade ¾l in 10-runner Pontefract (2m 2f, good to firm) handicap.
LEGION OF HONOUR beat AMBIGUOUSLY REGAL (2lb better off) head in 6-runner Haydock (1m 4f, good) handicap. ROSGILL 5l 2nd of 13 to Broughton's Tango in Warwick (1m 4f 115yd, soft) handicap. FIRST BID 1¾l 3rd of 8 to Much Sought After in Newcastle (1m 4f 93yd, good to soft) handicap with SUNDERLAND ECHO (same terms) short-head 4th. PERSUASIVE 3½l 2nd of 8 to Shamshom Al Arab in Hamilton (1m 4f, soft) handicap.
Selection: PERSUASIVE

4.35 FITZWILLIAM RATED HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £6,674: 1m 2f 85yd) (11 runners)

601 (2) 2116-13 PERSIAN BRAVE 7 (D,F,S) (Persian Partnership) M Bell 9-7 ... M Hills 96
602 (4) 031-0 CONEYBURY 17 (G) (R Sangster) L Cumani 9-2 ... R Cochrane 85
603 (6) 010- KADASTROF 185 (S) (A Paton) R Dickin 9-0 ... T Quinn 80
604 (3) 1200-45 AZHAR 17 (F) (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-13 ... M Roberts 91
605 (7) 54-13 ERICOLIN 24 (D,G) (Shaikh Marwan Al Maktoum) C Brittain 8-12 ... W R Swinburn 90
606 (9) 15-2 BUROOJ 29 (S) (H Al-Maktoum) D Morley 8-12 ... W Carson 99
607 (10) 304210- BLUE BLAZER 202 (S) (McHalapar Syndicate) B Hanbury 8-11 ... W Ryan 87
608 (5) 6-21 CLOUDED ELEGANCE 12 (G) (Mrs M Wates) I Balding 8-9 ... Pat Eddery 91
609 (11) 3210-04 BRIGANTE DI CIELO 6 (G,S) (P Christey) R Hannon 8-7 ... B Raymond 90
610 (1) 33101-5 THE SEER 17 (F,S) (A Aspinall) B Hills 8-7 ... D Holland 93
611 (8) 502-045 PERSIAN REVIVAL 19 (F) (Mrs P Sturgess) B McMahon 8-7 ... A Munro 96

Long handicap: The Seer 8-5, Persian Revival 8-5.

BETTING: 4-1 Clouded Elegance, 9-2 Persian Brave, 6-1 Brigante Di Cielo, Burooj, 7-1 Azhar, 8-1 Ericolin, 10-1 Coneybury, 12-1 The Seer, 14-1 Blue Blazer, 16-1 Persian Revival, 25-1 Kadastrof.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

PERSIAN BRAVE 4l 3rd of 6 to Armiger in group III Dalham Chester Vase (1m 4f 66yd, good to firm). Previously beat Key To My Heart 1l in 10-runner Haydock (1m 2f 120yd, soft) handicap. AZHAR 10l 5th of 12 to Eastern Memories in Sandown (1m, good to soft) handicap with CONEYBURY (3lb better off) 6l 9th. ERICOLIN 10l 3rd of 6 to Newton's Law in Newbury (1m 3f, good) stakes race. BUROOJ 2l 2nd of 7 to Azzilfi in Nottingham (1m 2f, good) stakes race. CLOUDED ELEGANCE beat Simply Finesse 3l in 15-runner Salisbury (1m, good) maiden. BRIGANTE DI CIELO 3¼l 4th of 14 to Major Yaasi in Salisbury (1m 2f, firm) handicap.
Selection: CLOUDED ELEGANCE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
J Gosden	23	74	31.1	D Holland	11	49	22.4
P Cole	9	32	28.1	Pat Eddery	38	175	21.7
H Cecil	21	79	26.6	M Roberts	28	190	14.7
D Elsworth	10	45	22.2	W Carson	26	200	13.0
L Cumani	15	70	21.4	W R Swinburn	18	140	12.9
M Stoute	24	114	21.1	T Quinn	6	47	12.8

Blinkered first time: There are no horses blinkered for the first time at York today

CHEPSTOW

THUNDERER

2.15 Master Muck. 2.50 Highland Spirit. 3.20 Touching Star. 3.55 Operation Wolf. 4.25 Poacher's Delight. 4.55 Chucklestone.

Brian Beel: 2.15 Master Muck.

GOING: FIRM SIS

2.15 MARLBOROUGH BOOK SHOP NOVICES HUNTER CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,548: 3m) (3 runners)

1 4031 MASTER MUCK 8 (F,S) N Twiston-Davies 10-12-5 ... T Jenks (5)
2 P3-P HIGHLAND SON 41 R Smith 12-12-0 ... G Maundrell (7)
3 4254 RUSTY BRIDGE 11 J Johnson 6-12-0 ... Miss C Thomas (7)

2-5 Master Muck, 9-2 Highland Son, 6-1 Rusty Bridge.

2.50 STATUS NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,884: 2m 4f 110yd) (7)

1 2110 GOLDINGO 20 (S) G Price 6-11-7 ... R Davis (5)
2 1121 HIGHLAND SPIRIT 17 (F,G) M Pipe 5-11-5 ... R Dunwoody
3 PPP CHARTER SPRINGS 17 Miss C Horler 7-11-1 ... G Upton
4 4245 MOURNE WARRIOR 8 K White 10-11-1 ... A O'Hagan
5 04-0 RELKOM 8 M Williams 6-11-1 ... N Mann
6 0P40 CANNING'S COLLEGE 10 R Hawker 7-10-10 ... Lorna Vincent
7 51 ELSA 8 (V,F) P Murphy 4-10-7 ... E Murphy

1-2 Highland Spirit, 7-2 Goldingo, 5-1 Elsa, 14-1 Mourne Warrior, 25-1 Canning's College, Relkom, 50-1 Charter Springs.

3.20 STATUS HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,950: 2m 3f 110yd) (9)

1 5PR0 TILDEBO 18 (B,F,G,S) R Phillips 9-12-0 ... Mr M Armytage
2 PPPU MY CUP OF TEA 57 (F,G) M Pipe 10-11-8 ... R Dunwoody
3 -33P GENERAL JAMES 28 (F,G) J Gifford 10-11-8 ... D Murphy
4 32U6 TOUCHING STAR 18 (B,F,B) P Hobbs 8-10-7 ... M Hourigan (3)
5 U254 GREY TORNADO 8 (D,F,G) Mrs S Williams 12-10-2 ... S McNeill
6 0-34 J J JIMMY 18 (F,G,S) S Christian 9-10-1 ... G Upton
7 FP12 RATHER SHARP 10 (S) C Popham 7-10-0 ... A Webb
8 3500 COURT RAPIER 18 (D,F,G) Mrs H Parrott 11-10-0 ... D Leahy (5)
9 540P PANTECHNICON 18 (D,F,G,S) A Barrow 13-10-0 ... M A Fitzgerald

5-2 Rather Sharp, 4-1 Touching Star, 5-1 J J Jimmy, 11-2 Grey Tornado, 10-1 Court Rapier, 12-1 General James, 14-1 My Cup Of Tea, 16-1 others.

3.55 CRYSTAL BALL CLAIMING HURDLE
(£1,940: 2m 110yd) (14)

1 6620 CASTLE DIAMOND 8 H Kavanagh 6-11-4 ... Miss L Blackford (7)
2 3411 OPERATION WOLF 20 (D,F,S) N Tinkler 7-11-4 ... G McCourt
3 4235 BEN ZABEEDY 52 (BF,F) R Akehurst 8-10-12 ... J McCarthy (5)
4 PP0 WHERE ARE WE 8 D Williams 7-10-12 ... R Davis (5)
5 4P21 ELITE REG 8 (B,D,F,G,S) M Pipe 4-10-11 ... R Dunwoody
6 424F FASTBIT 8 K Bailey 6-10-11 ... J Railton
7 0030 SOVEREIGN NICHE 18 (V,D,G) A Barrow 5-10-11 ... W Irvine
8 5U25 THE BLUE BOY 38 (B,D,F,G) Mrs J Retter 5-10-11 ... E Tierney
9 000P AFARISTOUN 19 (B,D,F,G,S) J Edwards 9-10-10 ... Mr T Jenks (5)
10 PP04 HAMPER 4 (D,G,S) N Mitchell 10-10-10 ... Miss S Mitchell (7)
11 341P JACK THE HIKER 199 (D,F,S) Mrs J Wonnacott 10-10-10 ... Mr C Burnett-Wells (5)
12 P05P RINGYBOY 18 (D,G,S) J Bennett 8-10-10 ... C Llewellyn
13 2PF0 SILVER STRINGS 60 B Palling 13-10-10 ... A Lynch (7)
14 5P SURELY GIFTED 224 M Williams 4-10-5 ... N Mann

7-4 Operation Wolf, 2-1 Elite Reg, 5-1 Ben Zabeedy, The Blue Boy, 14-1 others.

4.25 FINAL FLING NOVICES CHASE
(£2,535: 3m) (4)

1 501F POACHER'S DELIGHT 18 (D,BF,F,G) M Pipe 7-11-12 ... R Dunwoody
2 4244 EXPOUND 29 (B,G) R Juckes 8-11-6 ... J Railton
3 0624 KELLY OWENS 18 (B) N Smith 8-11-6 ... P Leech
4 50U4 OH SO BOLD 5 J Bradley 6-11-6 ... R Farrant (5)

1-3 Poacher's Delight, 11-4 Kelly Owens, 14-1 Expound, 20-1 Oh So Bold.

4.55 PIERCEFIELD PARK HURDLE
(Handicap: £2,637: 3m) (8)

1 2F32 SENDAI 19 (C,F,G,S) J Gifford 7-11-10 ... P Hide (5)
2 0106 SNOWY LANE 7 (V,CD,S) M Pipe 5-11-2 ... M Foster
3 PPF4 MAYFAIR MINX 18 (D,F,G) S Christian 9-10-13 ... M McGonagle (5)
4 2-U0 RING OF FORTUNE 7 (B,BF,G,S) M Pipe 5-10-13 ... M Perrett
5 6000 PREMIER PRINCESS 5 (F,G) G Ham 7-10-12 ... R Davis (5)
6 0405 STAUNCH RIVAL 14 (G,S) G Thorner 6-10-10 ... D Bridgwater
7 PP04 RAWHIDE 7 (D,G,S) Mrs J Retter 9-10-6 ... M A Fitzgerald
8 1-42 CHUCKLESTONE 3F (D,F) J King 10-10-0 ... J Kavanagh

5-2 Sendai, 7-2 Snowy Lane, 4-1 Chucklestone, 11-2 Staunch Rival, 7-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 66 winners from 220 runners, 30.0%; J Edwards, 11 from 55, 20.0%; Mrs J Retter, 3 from 15, 20.0%; N Twiston-Davies, 8 from 48, 16.7%; R Akehurst, 6 from 37, 16.2%; C Popham, 6 from 38, 15.8%.

JOCKEYS: M Foster, 5 winners from 19 rides, 26.3%; R Dunwoody, 21 from 95, 22.1%; D Murphy, 5 from 24, 20.8%; M Perrett, 6 from 36, 16.7%; M A Fitzgerald, 3 from 23, 13.0%; E Murphy, 3 from 28, 10.7%.

FOLKESTONE

THUNDERER

5.50 Bally Murphy Boy. 6.20 Richard Hunt. 6.50 Roving Report. 7.20 Knockumshin. 7.50 Betty Hayes. 8.20 Biloxi Blues.

BRIAN BEEL

5.50 Crazy River. 6.20 Richard Hunt. 6.50 Roving Report. 7.20 Knockumshin. 7.50 Betty Hayes. 8.20 Biloxi Blues.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES) SIS

5.50 CUCKOO NOVICES HUNTER CHALLENGE CUP CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,605: 2m 5f) (14 runners)

1 /0- BALLY MURPHY BOY 587 Mrs D Grissell 8-12-7 ... M Philips
2 45/3- CASPIAN FLYER 351 (B) A Maytam 10-12-7 ... P Hickman (7)
3 /P/2- COCK-OF-THE-ROCK 364 Mrs S Clarke 12-12-7 ... Miss L Smith (7)
4 P20- CRAZY RIVER 371 (F,G) D McCarthy 6-12-7 ... T McCarthy (7)
5 /2/0P- DISCAIN BOY 351 (F,G) G Evans 13-12-7 ... A Welsh (7)
6 B55- ELEGANT STRANGER 378 (F,G,S) J Turner 8-12-7 ... P Harding-Jones (5)
7 05-P MAJESTIC RIDE 76 J Peate 9-12-7 ... G Cosgrove (7)
8 F/F MARTELLA 6 G Ingleton 11-12-7 ... T Hills (7)
9 0/ MOUNT PATRICK 1219 N Padfield 9-12-7 ... S Andrews (3)
10 06-0 NOMELAP 40 J Poulton 8-12-7 ... C Gordon (7)
11 5/P- SANTANO 364 N Pewter 7-12-7 ... Miss H C Pewter (7)
12 /4P0- WELSHMAN'S GULLY 413 Mrs D Sill 9-12-7 ... C Newport (7)
13 FP-0 FABULOUS QUEEN 64 P Venner 10-12-2 ... N King (7)
14 WENDY JANE 1621F J Best 8-12-2 ... J Best (7)

6-4 Crazy River, 7-2 Welshman's Gully, 5-1 Bally Murphy Boy, 6-1 Cock-Of-The-Rock, 10-1 Fabulous Queen, 12-1 Elegant Stranger, 20-1 Nomelap, 25-1 others.

6.20 GUY PEATE MEMORIAL NOVICES HUNTER CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,592: 3m 2f) (10)

1 03P/ ALEDAN 1121 Mrs D Grissell 12-12-7 ... Miss S Belcher (7)
2 2R/ GOLDEN PELE 715 Mrs B Ansell 12-12-7 ... P Hacking (3)
3 P0PP- GUNNER JIM 351 J Peate 9-12-7 ... G Cosgrove (7)
4 /6- MALTBY BOY 380 Mrs A Hickman 10-12-7 ... Mrs A Hickman (7)
5 080/ NO REBASSE 1176 M Johnson 11-12-7 ... S Andrews (3)
6 F-P REGGIE 76 (V) R Wilkinson 11-12-7 ... C Gordon (7)
7 2F3 RICHARD HUNT 6 V Rowe 9-12-7 ... Miss L Rowe (7)
8 4/0- RUSTY RAILS 364 G Smith 11-12-7 ... A Welsh (7)
9 000- TUFTER'S GARTH 351 Mrs M Rigg 8-12-7 ... T McCarthy (7)
10 6/0- TRUE MEASURE 556 J Best 6-12-2 ... J Best (7)

Evens Richard Hunt, 5-4 Maltby Boy, 12-1 No Rebasse, 20-1 Aledan, Rusty Rails, 25-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: No qualifiers.

JOCKEYS: Mr P Hacking, 3 winners from 13 rides, 23.1%. (Only qualifier).

6.50 GRANT'S CHERRY BRANDY SOUTH EAST CHAMPION NOVICES HUNTER CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,566: 2m 5f) (10)

1 66-5 ABITBIZARRE 53 M Bloom 7-12-7 ... N Bloom (7)
2 BARON MANA R Hill 8-12-7 ... M Batters (7)
3 64-F BERKANA RUN 28 J Turner 8-12-7 ... S Andrews (3)
4 0R0/ COMANCHE BRAVE 1135 M Cazaneuve 10-12-7 ... B Dixon (7)
5 5/ FIREWATER STATION 1322 Mrs D Sill 10-12-7 ... T McCarthy (7)
6 P/ FOURCEES 1205 M Wood 8-12-7 ... P Howse (7)
7 00- POLITICAL MAN 364 Mrs T Hills 9-12-7 ... T Hills (7)
8 63 PRINCE RUA E59 Mrs Y Martin 7-12-7 ... A Welsh (7)
9 ROVING REPORT H Wellstead 6-12-7 ... M G Miller (7)
10 4/P6- SECOND TIME ROUND 364 Mrs G Gloster 10-12-7 ... Miss S Gloster (7)

9-4 Firewater Station, 5-2 Berkana Run, 11-4 Roving Report, 7-1 Abitbizarre, 10-1 Baron Mana, 20-1 others.

7.20 SHEPHERD NEAME UNITED HUNTS OPEN CHAMPION HUNTER CHASE
(Amateurs: £2,322: 3m 2f) (5)

1 0/US- AIR BROKER 364 (F,G,S) Mrs S Clarke 12-12-7 ... C Newport (7)
2 6/2-2 AS YOU WERE 29 (B,F) J Turner 11-12-7 ... P Harding-Jones (5)
3 4-54 KINGSWOOD KITCHENS 18 (F,G) P Clarke 13-12-7 ... P Clarke (7)
4 R112 KNOCKUMSHIN 6 (F,G,S) S Smith 10-12-7 ... T Byrne (7)
5 00-0 PEACH LEAF 95 (V,G) N Pewter 12-12-7 ... G Pewter (7)

2-7 Knockumshin, 5-1 As You Were, 14-1 Air Broker, 16-1 Kingswood Kitchens, 33-1 Peach Leaf.

7.50 ROYAL JUDGEMENT OPEN HUNTER CHASE
(£1,744: 3m 2f) (7)

1 P3P- CARDINAL RALPH 366 (B,G) Mrs S Embiricos 9-12-7 ... Miss A Embiricos (7)
2 33/1/ ROYAL STING 728 (F) (B,C) J Turner 7-12-7 ... P Harding-Jones (5)
3 FP04/ STAR OF SCREEN 731 (B,D,F,G,S) J Hickman 13-12-7 ... P Hickman (7)
4 /P1/ TAKEOVER BID 715 (F) S Mariage 9-12-7 ... T Moore (7)
5 3-55 WHICH WAY NOW 85 (G) Mrs S Clarke 12-12-7 ... C Newport (7)
6 26P- BETTY HAYES 412 (F,S) H Wellstead 9-12-2 ... Miss S Barraclough (7)
7 2P0- ROSTREAMER 420 (G,S) Miss A Newton-Smith 10-12-0 ... P Bull (7)

Evens Betty Hayes, 9-2 Rostreamer, 6-1 Cardinal Ralph, 8-1 Royal Sting, 12-1 Takeover Bid, 16-1 Which Way Now, 20-1 Star Of Screen.

8.20 GRUNWICK UNITED HUNTS OPEN CHALLENGE CUP
(Amateurs: £1,590: 2m 5f) (6)

1 FP-1 BILOXI BLUES 10 (F,G,S) A Tumell 11-12-11 ... J Rees (7)
2 /4-F DROMIN LEADER 29 (S) J Turner 8-12-7 ... P Harding-Jones (5)
3 14-6F FAARIS 39 (C,F,G,S) Mrs D Grissell 12-12-7 ... C Newport (7)
4 00/65 FRED THE TREAD 42 (B,F) Miss A J Rawding 11-12-7 ... A Hill (3)
5 /RPP- NORTHERN SAINT 398 (G) Mrs T Hills 10-12-7 ... Mrs K Hills (7)
6 35-P SMALLWOOD WILLET 29 (C,F) T Seatfield 13-12-7 ... G Baines (7)

4-6 Biloxi Blues, 7-2 Faaris, 5-1 Dromin Leader, 16-1 Fred The Tread, 20-1 Northern Saint, Smallwood Willet.

TOWCESTER

THUNDERER

6.05 Little Big. 6.35 Sheer Ability. 7.05 Barge Boy. 7.35 Strong Bond. 8.05 Blue Buccaneer. 8.35 Storm Drum.

Brian Beel: 7.35 Wild Child.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

6.05 MEADOW BROWN SELLING HURDLE
(£1,297: 2m) (7 runners)

1 3522 ILEWIN 29 (D,BF,F,G) J Jenkins 6-12-0 ... M Ahern
2 5253 AS D'EBOLI 10 (D,F) M Hammond 6-11-6 ... P Niven
3 P330 HENBURY HALL 17F (D,G) M Barraclough 5-11-6 ... S McNeill
4 3305 LITTLE BIG 10 (G) C Broad 6-11-6 ... C Llewellyn
5 5104 SIBERIAN BREEZE 5 (B,D,F) J Glover 5-11-6 ... S D Williams (3)
6 4524 BAYBEEJAY 29 (D,G) R Brotherton 6-11-1 ... J Osborne
7 1322 MILIYEL 8 (D,BF,G) Miss G Kelleway 4-10-10 ... G McCourt

2-1 Miliyel, 3-1 As D'Eboli, 9-2 Ilewin, 6-1 Little Big, 8-1 Siberian Breeze, 10-1 Baybeejay, 20-1 Henbury Hall.

6.35 RED ADMIRAL NOVICES CHASE
(£1,892: 2m 6f) (8)

1 F211 SHEER ABILITY 31 (CD,S) Mrs F Walwyn 7-12-0 ... B de Haan
2 RP23 DERRING VALLEY 18 (B,G,S) A Jones 8-11-7 ... Peter Hobbs
3 PPP2 OLD ROAD 7 (S) D Wintle 7-11-7 ... N Williamson
4 -PPP HORCUM 64 (V) P Pritchard 8-11-0 ... A Webb
5 0354 SOLICITOR'S CHOICE 17 (F,S) T Bill 10-11-0 ... J Railton
6 6643 TITUS ANDRONICUS 8 N Gaselee 6-11-0 ... R Supple
7 2P52 JUST NELLY 8 J Mullins 7-10-9 ... S Earle
8 0UP6 OUT'N'OUT 77 J Jenkins 5-10-2 ... M Ahern

6-4 Sheer Ability, 11-4 Derring Valley, 4-1 Old Road, 7-1 Just Nelly, 8-1 Solicitor's Choice, 10-1 others.

7.05 PURPLE EMPEROR HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,232: 2m 5f) (12)

1 2400 CHILD OF THE MIST 9 (CD,G,S) J Whyte 7-12-0 ... A Maguire
2 -423 BARGE BOY 20 (C,BF,F,G) J Old 9-11-13 ... T Grantham
3 0-11 KNAVE OF CLUBS 19 (D,F,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-9 ... C Llewellyn
4 /412 SACROSANCT 17 (BF,F,S) K Bailey 9-10-11 ... J Railton
5 514P MARQUEE CAFE 21 (C,F,S) J Kirby 9-10-3 ... G Upton
6 -841 ARR EFF BEE 17 (B,D,G) J Smith 6-10-0 ... D Leahy (5)
7 0800 PECHE D'OR 8 (B,CD,F,G,S) H Haynes 9-10-0 ... W Marston (3)
8 31-5 ROWHEDGE 206 (F,G) Miss J Doyle 7-10-0 ... S Curran (7)
9 4PP6 STAR OF OUGHTERARD 8 (V,D,F) T McGovern 8-10-0 ... N Mann
10 003P SILENT BRAVO 14 A Blackmore 6-10-0 ... Mr R Griffiths (7)
11 005P LUCKY HELMET 26 (S) W McKenzie-Coles 9-10-0 ... S Burrough
12 500P SPRING FORWARD 8 (F) Mrs M Long 9-10-0 ... R Rowell

5-2 Knave Of Clubs, 4-1 Barge Boy, 5-1 Sacrosanct, 7-1 Child Of The Mist, 8-1 Marquee Cafe, 10-1 Arr Eff Bee, 12-1 Rowhedge, 16-1 others.

7.35 LAND ROVER GENTLEMAN'S CHAMPIONSHIP HUNTER CHASE
(Amateurs: £4,386: 3m 1f) (11)

1 3P-1 GUNMETAL BOY 36 (D,F) Miss L Russell 9-12-7 ... J M Dun
2 5/1U RANDOM PLACE 61 (G,S) Mrs R Pocock 11-12-4 ... I Pocock
3 P5P- BIGSUN 434 (D,F,S) P Verner 12-12-0 ... M Armytage
4 6/P- CELTIC FLAME 507 (F,G,S) R Murrell 12-12-0 ... A Martin
5 4550 CLEANING UP 227 (F) M Milne 11-12-0 ... M Milne
6 034- GOOD WATERS 356 (C,D,G,S) W Warner 13-12-0 ... J Sharp
7 /52- MIGHTY MARK 364 (G,S) F Walton 14-12-0 ... P Johnson
8 1/P- STRONG BOND 432 (B,C,F) Mrs M Cooke 12-12-0 ... N Mitchell
9 PP-3 WILD CHILD 69 (S) H Fletcher 10-11-9 ... N Smith
10 P-P3 LAD LANE 8 (F) J Whyte 9-11-4 ... M Gingell
11 /P/ KNOWAFENCE 978 Miss S Crew 7-10-13 ... M Sheppard

7-2 Wild Child, 4-1 Strong Bond, 9-2 Good Waters, 6-1 Bigsun, 8-1 Celtic Flame, 10-1 Mighty Mark, 12-1 Gunmetal Boy, 20-1 others.

8.05 SPECKLED WOOD HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,385: 2m 110yd) (9)

1 3443 THE GREEN STUFF 28 (CD,F,G,S) J Upson 8-12-0 ... R Supple
2 431- NORTHERN LION 40F (CD,F,G,S) R Thompson 10-11-5 ... D Skyrme
3 -F36 BLUE BUCCANEER 8 (CD,G,S) T Forster 10-11-1 ... L Harvey
4 613P VULRORY'S CLOWN 29 (D,F,G,S) O Brennan 15-10-6 ... M Brennan
5 3152 MISTER FEATHERS 8 (CD,F,G) J King 12-10-7 ... S Smith Eccles
6 350U ANDY BOY 3 (B,D,F) T Casey 9-10-6 ... M A Fitzgerald
7 4544 MARKET LEADER 6 (D,F,G) R Lee 13-10-3 ... A Maguire
8 2432 STARLAP 8 R Hodges 9-10-0 ... R Dunwoody
9 34/U BALLYNICK 8 (F) N Henderson 9-10-0 ... J R Kavanagh

11-4 Mister Feathers, 7-2 Blue Buccaneer, 4-1 The Green Stuff, 5-1 Market Leader, 7-1 Vulrory's Clown, 8-1 Starlap, 12-1 Northern Lion, 16-1 others.

8.35 CHEQUERED SKIPPER NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,431: 2m) (7)

1 3212 STRATH ROYAL 28 (D,F,G,S) O Brennan 7-12-0 ... M Brennan
2 3121 STORM DRUM 8 (B,D,F,S) K Bailey 4-11-9 ... N Williamson
3 63P JACK DIAMOND 14 Mrs R Williams 5-11-0 ... Scr Armytage
4 0 TOM FURZE 41 J Old 6-11-0 ... T Grantham
5 -404 APRIL'S MODEL LADY 18 N Twiston-Davies 7-10-9 ... C Llewellyn
6 2252 LITTLE NOD 8 J White 4-10-9 ... A Maguire
7 2F55 MAMALAMA 20 J Bridger 5-10-9 ... Rachel Bridger (7)

7-4 Strath Royal, 2-1 Storm Drum, 7-2 Little Nod, 14-1 Mamalama, 16-1 Tom Furze, 25-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Thompson, 3 winners from 8 runners, 37.5%; Mrs F Walwyn, 3 from 12, 25.0%; O Brennan, 13 from 53, 24.5%; N Henderson, 13 from 56, 23.2%; T McGovern, 3 from 13, 23.1%; J Old, 6 from 36, 22.2%.

JOCKEYS: M Brennan, 12 winners from 41 rides, 29.3%; N Mann, 3 from 15, 20.0%; B de Haan, 5 from 30, 16.7%; A Webb, 8 from 51, 15.7%; R Dunwoody, 21 from 140, 15.0%; N Williamson, 3 from 20, 15.0%.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S MEETINGS

Redcar

Going: good to firm

2.15 (7f) 1, Batted Dancer (Darren Moffatt, 13-2); 2, Deplombo (7-1); 3, Fletcher's Bounty (9-4 fav). 18 ran. 2½l, 1½l. Mrs P Barker. Tote: £6.20; £1.80, £2.80, £1.60. DF: £17.60. CSF: £55.78.

2.45 (7f) 1, Anusha (J Carroll, 7-2 jt-fav); 2, Ruby Cooper (7-1); 3, Silent Expression (7-2 jt-fav). 8 ran. NR: Royal Diva. Nk, 3l. J Berry. Tote: £3.10; £1.70, £1.80, £1.90. DF: £9.20. CSF: £24.96. Tricast: £81.11.

3.15 (1m 1f) 1, Sweet Mignonette (Gaye Harwood, 9-4 fav); 2, Pride Of Pendle (13-2); 3, Lady Donoghue (25-1); 4, Albert (11-2). 16 ran. Hd, 7l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £3.30; £1.20, £1.80, £5.20, £1.60. DF: £15.10. CSF: £16.27. Tricast: £293.70.

3.45 (1m 3f) 1, Mecklenburg (M Roberts, 1-2 fav); 2, Mount Fuji (8-1); 3, Dunnellon (8-1). 6 ran. NR: Dragon's Teeth. Hd, 1l. H Cecil. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £2.50. DF: £4.50. CSF: £4.32.

4.15 (1m 2f) 1, I'm A Dreamer (Dean McKeown, 8-1); 2, Silver Standard (9-2 fav); 3, Wonderful Years (16-1). 15 ran. ¾l, sh hd. W Haigh. Tote: £5.00; £1.60, £2.40, £3.80. DF: £11.90. CSF: £45.57. Tricast: £544.10.

4.45 (1m 6f) 1, My Desire (Darren Moffatt, 13-2); 2, Call The Guv'nor (9-2); 3, Asian Punter (4-1 fav). 11 ran. ½l, 2½l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £9.30; £2.30, £1.90, £2.30. DF: £29.80. CSF: £35.61. Tricast: £124.27.

5.15 (5f) 1, Randonneur (J Carroll, 6-1); 2, Mokaite (20-1); 3, Karseam (4-1). Gallic Gent 3-1 fav. 12 ran. 1l, ½l. J Berry. Tote: £12.30; £3.10, £8.30, £1.40. DF: £137.90. CSF: £150.71. Placepot: £22.60.

Southwell

Going: standard

2.30 (5f) 1, Mazeeka (Emma O'Gorman, 11-10 fav); 2, Leap Of Faith (5-2); 3, Norbeck (7-1). 7 ran. 1½l, 10l. W O'Gorman. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £2.00. DF: £2.60. CSF: £4.41.

3.00 (7f) 1, On Y Va (D Biggs, 2-1 fav); 2, Highborn (10-1); 3, Harcliff (5-1). 15 ran. NR: Bold Treasure. 2½l, 3l. R Williams. Tote: £3.70; £1.40, £2.60, £2.70. DF: £24.60. CSF: £23.84.

3.30 (1m) 1, Thamaam (D Biggs, 8-1 jt-fav); 2, Express Service (17-2); 3, Marowins (17-2); 4, Double The Stakes (20-1). Nobby Barnes 8-1 jt-fav. 16 ran. 1l, 1½l. T Thomson Jones. Tote: £14.60; £2.80, £2.20, £1.10, £6.50. DF: £38.30. CSF: £68.95. Tricast: £548.09.

4.00 (7f) 1, Penny Banger (T Williams, 5-2 fav); 2, Mrs Dawson (100-30); 3, Desert Nomad (3-1). 6 ran. 8l, hd. M Johnston. Tote: £2.40; £1.30, £1.80. DF: £3.60. CSF: £10.45.

4.30 (2m) 1, Kovalevskia (G Bardwell, 4-1 jt-fav); 2, Tiger Shoot (6-1); 3, Pride Of Britain (4-1 jt-fav). 15 ran. 2l, 6l. D Wilson. Tote: £4.00; £1.90, £1.90, £1.70. DF: £10.50. CSF: £28.86. Tricast: £98.24.

5.00 (5f) 1, Sylvan Starlight (G Duffield, 6-4 fav); 2, Chicago (10-1); 3, Dardanelle (10-1). 7 ran. 4l, 2½l. M Prescott. Tote: £1.90; £1.40, £5.30. DF: £12.00. CSF: £13.00.

Placepot: £14.90.

Roberts collects whip ban

MICHAEL Roberts was suspended for four days, May 19 to May 22 inclusive, for excessive use of the whip on Silver Standard, half a length second to I'm A Dreamer in the Mackinlay Memorial Handicap at Redcar yesterday.

In the same race, Darryll Holland was given a similar ban for striking Clear Honey when out of contention. The bans rule both out of the Lupe Stakes, an Oaks trial at Goodwood, and the Irish 1,000 Guineas.

Roberts, the champion jockey, did at least have the consolation of a winner with Mecklenburg, the odds-on favourite in the Danby Maiden Stakes.

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GREYHOUNDS	122	222	322

Spinners conjure unlikely win over Durham

BY PETER BALL

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire (21pts) beat Durham (8) by six wickets

KEITH Fletcher, the England manager, spent much of the winter tour in India bemoaning the lack of encouragement spinners received from English pitches. He would have been delighted with Old Trafford yesterday, the ball virtually turning square as 13 wickets fell to the slow bowlers, Lancashire claiming most of them to take an unlikely victory.

Their two spinners, Alex Barnett and Mike Watkinson, shared the ten Durham wickets between them either side of lunch while conceding 37 runs in 25 overs. Barnett ended with a career-best five for 36, turning the ball sharply away from the bat, and Watkinson chipped in with the highly satisfactory return of five for 12 in ten overs of off spin.

In the first innings Durham had reached 515 for nine declared, their second-highest score in first-class cricket. Yesterday they achieved their lowest, being dismissed for 83.

David Graveney had predicted when he won the toss for Durham that the pitch would deteriorate. But with only 19 wickets falling during the first three days, even he was taken by surprise by the dramatic change.

Barnett bowled with the persistent accuracy he lacked last year while Watkinson gained considerable bounce as well as spin. But Durham compounded their problems with some anaemic batting, neither the injuries nor influenza that have afflicted them providing a complete explanation.

Not even Botham showed any desire to take the spinners on, as Graham Lloyd was to do crucially in the Lancashire innings.

By any standards Durham's collapse was extraordinary. Even before rain delayed the start for 75 minutes, the chances of a result looked slim from both dressing-rooms.

Larkins succumbed to temptation, hitting against the turn to send a skier to short extra cover, but if there were hints of difficulties to come as Parker, an excellent player of spin, made a pawky beginning, at 52 for one at lunch Durham appeared comfortable enough.

Thereafter the decline was swift as Watkinson joined forces with Barnett and the remaining nine wickets went down in 75 minutes for the addition of 31 runs.

With time to spare, Lancashire's target of 157 did not make enough demands on them, even though Graveney in his turn exploited the pitch with relish. Had he had support it might have been a different story.

The leg spinner, Briers, who had been brought in to bolster the batting, found the role as match-winner beyond him. By the end Botham was bowling off spin — not very well, it may be said.

Yorkshire drive home advantage

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

CHELMSFORD: Yorkshire (24pts) beat Essex (6) by 239 runs

IF ONLY they could play Essex every week, Yorkshire would be thinking of winning championships of their own. They extended their superb recent record against the champions with the kind of victory that is usually prefaced by the adjective *thumping*. By the fourth afternoon, Essex were certainly lying on the canvas.

Sometimes setbacks are providential. The Essex charge to last year's title followed a Headingley humiliation by an innings and 55 runs. Two seasons ago they won it after falling three runs short on a final-afternoon chase against Yorkshire at Colchester.

That said, they will not be unhappy to see the back of a side which has begun the season impressively and must be stronger for the availability of Richie Richardson, who will play today if the Headingley pitch has absorbed the rain which bucketed down yesterday, and the return of Martyn Moxon and Peter Hartley. Yorkshire looked very sharp here.

Paul Jarvis, who thought they had played "80 per cent" of the cricket in this match, must think captaincy is a breeze. The final wicket was his fourth as Essex, who resumed on 98 for one, needing to make another 357 with nine wickets in hand, were bowled out for 215.

Jarvis slipped out the first three men himself, nipping one away to uproot Gooch's off-stump and holding an excellent low return catch to dismiss Salim Malik. The catching was catching. Hussain, throwing his bat violently, saw Batty cling on to a wonderful two-handed effort in the gully.

Robinson, who looks decidedly brisk these days, and White each took three wickets in support. Only Garnham, who again resisted stubbornly for a half-century, put up much of a fight. In the end Jarvis did for him, Blakey moving smartly to his left to accept an inside edge. That reprieved the captain, who had missed a dolly which Childs had spooned to him the over before.

Not for a long time have Yorkshire felt able to confront the season with such confidence. Both here, and at Headingley last week when they outplayed Lancashire in a first-class friendly, their batsmen, bowlers and fielders have excelled.

Byas set the tone on the first day with his career-best 156 which enabled them to manipulate this game. When Essex fought back, as they did through Ilott on the second evening, Yorkshire were not prepared to let their advantage slip. The burst by Jarvis yesterday morning dispelled whatever doubts Essex's batting on Saturday night may have triggered.

Over four full days, Jarvis admitted, there could be no denying which was the better side. Jarvis, strongly in favour of four-day matches, said: "Having beaten Lancashire last week, we have started the season well and we will have a very good side indeed when Martyn, Richie and Peter come in. I've been happy with my bowling — I tried to bowl attackingly in this game and I've managed to keep things going after a couple of weeks off following the winter tour."

This was a fine game and, until the very last, a fine contest. Having taken an early fall, Essex must remount quickly and there is nowhere better to attempt that than the Oval where, on Thursday, they play a Surrey team which has stolen an early march in pursuit of their crown.

SCOTT TILLEN



Leg tap: Middlesex batsman Ramprakash turns the ball off his pads during his resolute innings of 55 at Lord's yesterday

Davies' guile delays Northants victory

BY GEOFFREY WHEELER

MARK Davies, Gloucestershire's young slow left-arm bowler, added to laurels gained during a quietly impressive first championship season by making Northamptonshire fight hard to achieve what had appeared to be no more than a routine victory target yesterday.

Needing only 110 after capturing the last three Gloucestershire wickets cheaply — Jack Russell running out of partners — Northamptonshire took three hours to get the runs and lost five wickets, all to Davies at a cost of 57 runs, as the Welshman completed a ten-wicket match haul for the first time.

Gloucestershire had left themselves too much ground to make up after being dismissed for 107 on the first day, but Northamptonshire were nevertheless grateful for another good start from Alan Fordham and Nigel Felton, who put on 51, before Davies got among the wickets, extending the match beyond the tea interval, when Northamptonshire were 98 for five. Afterwards, Rob Bailey, who was so woefully out of touch that he took 70 balls to score ten runs, and Kevin Curran knocked off the remaining runs.

Nottinghamshire made easier work of scoring the 143 they needed to beat Leicestershire at Grace Road, where they had resumed at 46 for one on a pitch offering some assistance to the spin of Laurie Potter and Adrian Pierson.

Potter, who recorded career-best figures in two competitions over the weekend, accounted for Tim Robinson with the score at 70 and Mark Crawley was missed by Tim Boon off Pearson when he had scored two.

He stayed to fashion an unbroken partnership of 73 with Paul Pollard, who reached his 50 and finished the match with a stroke through mid-wicket, leaving Leicestershire, like Gloucestershire and Sussex, to digest a second defeat of the season.

Match that died of boredom

BY IVO TENNANT

LORD'S (final day of four): Middlesex (7pts) drew with Kent (6)

THE declaration came too late at Lord's yesterday, the pitch was too sluggish and the attempt to reach a sizable target non-existent. This was, alas, the unacceptable approach to the four-day game, which was not devised for such unimaginative cricket as this.

To those of us whose weekend had been taken up with dodging missiles on the periphery of the football riots at Cold Blow Lane, inertia was almost a relief. To just about everbody else, the players included, it was a trial. Asked to make 347 to win in a minimum of 90 overs, Middlesex abandoned the chase before they faced the first ball.

For their part, Kent never looked like bowling Middlesex out a second time. Had Gatting and Haynes been playing, their caution in delaying their declaration a good 20 minutes longer than was necessary would have been perfectly understandable. As it was, their unenterprising approach smacked of a lack of noose.

Had the circumstances been different, there were three batsman who could conceivably won Middlesex the match. Roseberry, upon whom they depended for a sound start, has not been in touch.

Ramprakash, with one eye on the committee room and another on any peeping selector, is still feeling his way back into the fold after his indiscretions of last year. And Carr, perhaps because he was captaining Middlesex for the first time, never looked remotely prepared to go down with all guns blazing.

Indeed, between lunch and tea he and Ramprakash took consolidation to extremes, making 67 in 33 overs. The opening batsmen had not given them any sort of start in that Keech went early, and before lunch Roseberry was splendidly taken by Benson, diving to his right at second slip.

It was not that Ramprakash did not bat well. His technique was immaculate. The way in which he forced Davis three times off the back foot in as many overs to the cover boundary told of the class that is there for everyone — Ted Dexter included — to see. His half-century, which included seven fours, also owed a great deal to sheer resolve.

Yet he did not progress beyond 13 for 54 minutes and Carr remained on five for almost as long. This gave succour to the Kent bowlers. Davis switched to the Nursery End and gained not only some turn but two wickets besides.

What Kent could not buy, though, was more time. Neither could they rid themselves of Carr. Middlesex still had five wickets remaining at the close.

The adhesive Carr finished only 30 runs short of his second century of the match. In eight and a half hours at the crease he gave not one semblance of a chance, since he did not believe in hitting the ball in the air. Had he done so, who knows what the result might have been?

Storm-tossed exit from doldrums

Vivien Cherry relates

how crossing the line

eased tensions aboard

Coopers & Lybrand

FINALLY, we are out of the doldrums — and what a send-off. There were claps of thunder and a final flash of lightning last Thursday as the winds quickly built up from ten to 30 knots and swung through 170 degrees. It was 5am, dark and caught us unawares. It was all hands on deck to douse the headsail before we scrambled back to the cockpit to sit out what we thought was a squall.

However, the wind continued to increase, building to 48 knots, and much to my surprise, continued to blow for two hours. When conditions did abate, we found that the spinnaker had been twisted by the force of water and snapped a guard-rail stanchion, leaving two jagged edges that had shredded the genoa beyond repair.

The doldrums did not split the British Steel Challenge fleet as we envisaged. Instead the race is closer with just 100 miles dividing first from ninth. We have all been treated to spectacular sunrises and incredible cloud formations. Sea life, too, is more abundant and we have watched, mesmerised, as tuna have chased flying fish.

Heath Insured, the tenth yacht, is chasing hard again after the death of Bill Vincent, whose loss has left us all shocked and saddened. The mood onboard Coopers & Lybrand was sombre after this sharp reminder of the dangers of ocean racing.

Crossing the Equator, we duly paid homage to King Neptune, alias Geraint "Baldrick" Lewis. Our new recruits were cleansed both inside and out. The heinous crimes dreamed up caused riotous amusement. Shane Dickson, the bank manager, paid the penalty for lending money to Chay Blyth. Paul Shepherd, our steel man from Sheffield, was accused of being a filofax carrying "Yuppie" while Martin "The Admiral" White, our navy-trained crewman, was charged with not requesting permission to cross the Equator and given a double helping of a foul brew.

The clean-up took two hours and led to an inevitable water fight, but the relief it brought from the heat and previous tensions was much needed.

Britannic Assurance County Championship

Essex v Yorkshire

CHELMSFORD *(final day of four): Yorkshire (24 pts) beat Essex (6) by 239 runs*

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 397 (D Byas 156, S A Kellett 52; M C Ilott 4-79)

Second Innings 307 (R J Blakey 74, A P Grayson 55, D Byas 50).

ESSEX: First Innings 250 (M A Garnham 53)

Second Innings

*G A Gooch b Jarvis	50
J P Stephenson lbw b Robinson	40
M C Ilott lbw b Robinson	5
Salim Malik c and b Jarvis	0
N Hussain c Batty b Jarvis	13
†M A Garnham c Blakey b Jarvis	58
D R Pringle c Byas b White	7
P J Prichard b White	7
N A Foster lbw b White	0
P M Such b Robinson	1
J H Childs not out	12
Extras (lb 10, w 2, nb 10)	22
Total	215

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-91, 2-105, 3-105, 4-121, 5-121, 6-144, 7-159, 8-159, 9-179.

BOWLING: Jarvis 20.4-2-76-4; Gough 11-1-52-0; Robinson 19.5-45-3; Batty 5-0-21-0; White 7-3-9-3; Stemp 1-0-2-0.

Umpires: A A Jones and B Leadbeater

Leicestershire v Nottinghamshire

LEICESTER *(final day of four): Nottinghamshire (22 pts) beat Leicestershire (5) by eight wickets*

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 219 (N E Briers 53)

Second Innings 203 (J J Whitaker 93).

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 280 (R T Robinson 70, B N French 54; L Potter 5-45)

Second Innings

P R Pollard not out	51
D W Randall c Robinson b Pierson	20
*R T Robinson c Mullally b Potter	18
M A Crawley not out	38
Extras (b 7, lb 8, w 1)	16
Total (2 wkts)	143

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-39, 2-70.

BOWLING: Mullally 6-1-8-0; Parsons 9-3-17-0; Pierson 22-4-61-1; Potter 20.1-6-39-1; Smith 2-0-3-0.

Umpires: D O Oslear and G A Stickley

Middlesex v Kent

LORD'S *(final day of four): Middlesex (7 pts) drew with Kent (6)*

KENT: First Innings 265 (M R Benson 57, M V Fleming 57; P C R Tufnell 4-64)

Second Innings

T R Ward b Williams	9
*M R Benson c Fraser b Emburey	107
N J Llong c Brown b Emburey	108
G R Cowdrey b Feltham	28
M V Fleming run out	62
†S A Marsh c Roseberry b Fraser	7
N R Taylor c Brown b Williams	13
R P Davis not out	24
C Penn b Williams	2
M J McCague not out	9
Extras (lb 15, nb 8)	23
Total (8 wkts dec)	382

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-223, 3-254, 4-301, 5-323, 6-345, 7-365, 8-377.

BOWLING: Feltham 17-1-73-1, Fraser 25-5-76-1, Williams 21-4-53-3; Tufnell 15-2-65-0; Emburey 32-5-110-2.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 311 (J D Carr 108; A P Iggleden 5-81).

Second Innings

M A Roseberry c Benson b McCague	32
M Keech c Marsh b Iggleden	18
M R Ramprakash b McCague	55
*J D Carr not out	70
J C Pooley lbw b Davis	7
†K R Brown b Davis	13
M A Feltham not out	18
Extras (b 7, lb 5, nb 6)	18
Total (5 wkts)	231

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-67, 3-150, 4-165, 5-195.

BOWLING: Iggleaden 19-6-48-1; McCague 25-7-65-2; Penn 16-4-28-0; Fleming 8-2-9-0; Davis 19-1-63-2; Llong 2-0-6-0.

Umpires: J H Harris and M J Kitchen

Lancashire v Durham

OLD TRAFFORD *(final day of four): Lancashire (21 pts) beat Durham (8) by six wickets*

DURHAM: First Innings 515 for 9 dec (P W G Parker 123, P Bainbridge 79, W Larkins 76, J A Daley 50)

Second Innings

G Fowler st Hegg b Barnett	28
W Larkins c sub b Barnett	19
P W G Parker c Atherton b Barnett	0
P Bainbridge c Hegg b Watkinson	3
J A Daley b Watkinson	0
M P Briers lbw b Barnett	1
†C W Scott lbw b Watkinson	3
I T Botham c Fairbrother b Barnett	5
*D A Graveney not out	7
J Wood st Hegg b Watkinson	7
S J E Brown c Atherton b Watkinson	0
Extras (b 4, nb 12)	16
Total	83

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-46, 2-52, 3-59, 4-62, 5-63, 6-63, 7-70, 8-76, 9-83.

BOWLING: DeFreitas 11-4-18-0; Martin 4-1-13-0; Barnett 19-7-36-5; Chapple 2-2-0-0; Watkinson 10.1-5-12-5.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings: 442 (M A Atherton 137; J Wood 4-108, D A Graveney 4-131).

Second Innings

G D Mendis lbw b Graveney	9
M A Atherton c and b Graveney	30
G D Lloyd b Brown	47
†N H Fairbrother not out	36
†W K Hegg c Botham b Graveney	0
M Watkinson not out	30
Extras (lb 2, w 3)	5
Total (4 wkts)	157

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-86, 3-94, 4-95.

BOWLING: Brown 10-0-35-1; Bainbridge 3-1-2-0; Graveney 16-1-66-3; Briers 8-0-28-0; Botham 3.3-0-23-0.

Umpires: N T Plews and A G T Whitehead

Northamptonshire v Gloucestershire

NORTHAMPTON *(final day of four): Northamptonshire (22 pts) beat Gloucestershire (3) by five wickets*

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 107 (K M Curran 5-38)

Second Innings

S C Broad lbw b Taylor	4
S G Hinks c Loye b Taylor	8
R J Scott c Capel b Curran	51
M W Alleyne lbw b Cook	30
*A J Wright lbw b Taylor	75
T H C Hancock c Bailey b Curran	39
†R C Russell not out	40
R M Wight c Ripley b Capel	4
A M Smith b Capel	33
M Davies c Bailey b Curran	5
K E Cooper c Ripley b Capel	0
Extras (b 3, lb 2, w 1)	6
Total	295

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-21, 3-84, 4-103, 5-185, 6-218, 7-221, 8-287, 9-294.

BOWLING: Taylor 32-9-61-3; Curran 27-6-71-3; Roberts 21-9-45-0; Capel 32.1-13-55-3; Cook 29-10-48-1; Bailey 2-1-8-0.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 293 (M B Loye 105, A Fordham 54, K M Curran 53; M Davies 5-84)

Second Innings

A Fordham c Alleyne b Davies	17
N A Felton b Davies	45
R J Bailey not out	10
*A J Lamb lbw b Davies	14
M B Loye c Broad b Davies	6
D J Capel c Wright b Davies	0
K M Curran not out	9
Extras (w 1, nb 6)	7
Total (5 wkts)	110

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-51, 2-65, 3-85, 4-96, 5-96.

BOWLING: Cooper 16-6-23-0; Smith 11.2-5-30-0; Davies 19-2-57-6.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and J W Holder

CORRECTION: Axa Equity & Law League: Warwickshire v Derbyshire: Derbyshire innings: A S Rollins c Twose b Smith 18 and K M Krikken c N M K Smith b Reeve 7, not as previously published.

SAIN CLARKSON TROPHY: Bristol: Worcestershire 259-8 (M J Weston 101, S J Rhodes 91); Gloucestershire 226 (R J Cunliffe 55). Worcestershire won by 31 runs. Southport: Yorkshire 114; Lancashire 111-8 (S P Titchard 52). Yorkshire won by three runs (match reduced to 25 overs-a-side). Hinckley: Leicestershire 169-6 (D L Maddy 84 not out); Durham 170-7. Leicestershire won on faster scoring rate. Southgate: Middlesex 165-9 (P N Weekes 58); MCC Young Cricketers 159-6. Middlesex won by six runs.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Alleyne 170-2 dec, Caterham 172-1; Dover College 172-7 dec, St Edmund's, Canterbury, 116-7; Felsted Robins 247-9 dec, Felsted 183-9; Wellingborough 172-4 dec, Bedford 174-3; Merchant Taylor's 213, St Paul's 203-6; Millfield 209-7, Downside 160-8.

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Surrey	2	2	0	0	5	8	45
Notts	2	1	1*	0	3	8	35
Middlesex	2	1	1	0	3	8	27
Northants	2	1	0	1	3	7	26
Warwickshire	2	1	0	1	2	7	25
Derbyshire	1	1	0	0	4	4	24
Somerset	1	1	0	0	4	4	24
Yorkshire	1	1	0	0	4	4	24
Lancashire	1	1	0	0	4	4	24
Glamorgan	1	1	0	0	3	1	20
Worcestershire	1	0	1*	0	1	4	13
Leicestershire	2	0	2	3	8	11	
Gloucestershire	2	0	0	2	2	7	9
Durham	1	0	0	1	4	4	8
Sussex	2	0	0	2	2	6	6
Essex	1	0	0	1	2	4	6
Kent	1	0	1	0	2	4	6
Hampshire	1	0	0	1	0	2	2

SPORT IN BRIEF

Mansell doubtful for Indianapolis

NIGEL Mansell yesterday cast fresh doubt on his participation in the Indianapolis 500 on May 30 (Oliver Holt writes). The Formula One world champion is still recovering from an operation two weeks ago to remedy a back injury he sustained in a crash during practice in Phoenix at the beginning of last month.

He is due to fly to Indianapolis today to take part in his delayed "rookie test". However, Mansell insisted he would assess the situation when he had had stitches removed today. "I'm taking it step by step and day by day," he said. "I just want to concentrate on getting well to drive in the biggest race of my career." If Mansell does not compete at Indianapolis, Michael Andretti, runner-up in the *IndyCar* series last season, could replace him, allowing Mika Hakkinenthe chance to compete in Monaco on May 23.

Alain Prost's renewed dominance is threatening to turn the drivers' championship into a one-man contest again. A lacklustre weekend in Barcelona, where the stands were half-empty, was lit up by unfounded rumours of Mansell's return to Formula One. "I'm flattered," Mansell said yesterday. "But I'm also disappointed for Formula One."

Boycott threatened

ATHLETICS: British Athletics League officers were last night working on ways to avert a threatened boycott by its leading clubs of the next first division fixture. Belgrave Harriers, the league champions and cup holders, and Haringey Athletic Club, the league leaders, are angry that a fixtures clash will deny them the services of their best athletes for the second match of the season (David Powell writes).

Jamie Parsons, the Newham and Essex Beagles team manager, yesterday joined Phil Green, the Haringey manager, and Leo Coy, the Belgrave joint manager, in saying that, unless the clash was avoided, their clubs would probably not appear in Birmingham on June 5. The argument centres on the decision by the British Athletic Federation to switch the date of its Pearl European relays meeting in Portsmouth from June 4 to 5 at the insistence of ITV.

All change at Arsenal

FOOTBALL: Ian Wright and Tony Adams will be left out by Arsenal for tonight's match against Tottenham Hotspur at Highbury just four days before the FA Cup final against Sheffield Wednesday. Dixon and Davis are also rested. Paul Warhurst, the Sheffield Wednesday forward, will visit a specialist tomorrow to see whether he can play in the final with a broken wrist. A fellow striker, David Hirst, a substitute in last month's Coca-Cola Cup final, will have a chance to stake a claim for a Wembley place in the match at Queens Park Rangers tonight.

Brighton have released a number of first-team regulars, including the captain, Gary Chivers, and the veteran winger, Clive Walker, who have been given free transfers.

Narrowing the gap

YACHTING: John Chittenden and his crew on Nuclear Electric clawed back 25 miles on Mike Golding's Group 4 Securitas yesterday in the British Steel Challenge race to keep hopes alive that they may still be leading overall when the fleet reaches Southampton. The chart shows Group 4 Securitas, Commercial Union and Nuclear Electric almost level in terms of northing, although separated by more than 120 miles. The crew members on Heath Insured, some 340 miles astern, appear to have come to terms with the loss overboard of their colleague, Bill Vincent, and have thrown themselves back into the business of racing, even though fickle winds and adverse currents mean that their daily runs have been half the distance covered by the leaders.

Ivanesevic on song

TENNIS: Goran Ivanesevic, right, runner-up at Wimbledon last year, fought back to beat Jaime Oncins, of Brazil, at the Italian Open in Rome yesterday. The Croat beat Oncins, 6-3, 6-7, 6-3, in a match lasting two hours 12 minutes. The world No 6, recently hampered by injury, said: "I need matches and a lot of them to give me confidence as we head into the two most important events of the year — the French Open and Wimbledon."



Leng in line for Europe

EQUESTRIANISM: Virginia Leng, the former world and European champion, is likely to return to the British three-day-event team, after a three-year absence, following her win on Welton Houdini at Badminton on Sunday. Badminton is the main selection trial for the European championships in September and Leng, Tanya Cleverly (Watkins), William Fox-Pitt (Chaka), Charlotte Hollingsworth (The Cool Customer) and Nick Burton (Bertie Blunt), who all finished in the top ten, are expected to gain a place on the long-list, to be announced next week. Leng's return to the team would end a run of bad luck stretching back to 1990. She has already hinted that she may retire at the end of this year.

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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (24166)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (53057940)
9.05 Love, Lust and Loneliness. Amateur agony aunts, the Gilbert family from Birmingham, are joined by *The Sun*'s Deirdre Sanders to offer advice to the lovelorn (s) (4771817) **9.35 King of the Road.** Ross King and Anna Walker visit Plymouth (2486850)
10.00 News *(Ceefax), regional* news and weather (5555904) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (4320904) **10.30 Tom and Jerry — *Greatest Hits*** *(6593071)* ***10.50*** **News** (Ceefax) and weather (6026985)
10.55 Cricket. Tony Lewis introduces live coverage of one *of the day's* top Benson and Hedges Cup, 55-overs-a-side matches (s). Includes **News** (Ceefax), *regional* news *and* weather at **12.00** (78349121) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (18205701)
1.00 One O'Clock News *with John Tusa. (Ceefax)* Weather (47817) **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (s) (70511140)
1.50 Cricket. Further coverage of a Benson and Hedges Cup match (s). Continues on BBC2 (79571275)
3.50* The Brollys** *(r)* *(5248324)* **4.05 Bodger and Badger** (r) (s) (8271558) **4.20 Happy Families** (r) (7926661) **4.35** ***Prince Valiant. *Animated* adventures. (Ceefax) (s) (2383898)
5.00 Newsround (5744324) **5.10 The Lowdown.** The last in the series follows the progress of a project involving 40,000 schoolchildren and 16 professional *orchestras. (Ceefax) (s) (9226850)*
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (597189). Northern Ireland: Election Forum 5.45 Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Anna Ford. (Ceefax) Weather (169)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (121). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Wildlife 100: The Fastest Claw in the West. A look at the awesome power of the mantis shrimp (r). (Ceefax) (5695)



Free: Ross Kemp as Grant Mitchell (7.30pm)

7.30 EastEnders. As Pat is sent to prison Grant is released and the show gets a new title sequence. (Ceefax) (s) (633)
8.00 Luv. The last part of Carla Lane's comedy series *starring Michael Angelis and Sue Johnston.* (Ceefax) (s) (4343)
8.30 On the Up. Feeble Bob Larbey comedy with Dennis Waterman as a self-made millionaire (r). (Ceefax) (s) (3850)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax). Regional news and weather (8904)
9.30 999. Michael Buerk introduces another collection of dramatic reconstructions from the files of Britain's *emergency services. (Ceefax) (s)* (297817). Wales: Week In Week Out 10.00 999
10.20 Film: The Big Sleep (1978) starring Robert Mitchum as Philip Marlowe. Michael Winner's so-so version of the Raymond Chandler classic, unconvincingly set in 1970s London. (921188). Northern Ireland: Greenfingers 10.50 Film: A Masculine Ending; Wales 10.50 Film: The Big Sleep
11.55 Cricket. Highlights from one of today's Benson and *Hedges Cup matches (s) (445072). Northern* Ireland and Wales: 12.25-1.25 Cricket
12.55am Weather (3738909). Ends at **1.00**
2.15-3.45 BBC Select: Executive Business Club. Scrambled (570367) **3.15 Legal Network Television.** Scrambled (71183)

BBC2

6.45 Open University: *Chemistry — Elements* Discovered (9815879) **7.10** Insect Hormones — the *Control of Moulting* (5396430) **7.35** Physics: Painting Potentials (9821879)
8.00 Breakfast News (6111237)
8.15 Westminster (2919140)
9.00 Daytime On Two: The Spanish Collection (1798508) **9.25** Job Bank (7285633) **9.45** You and Me (2707898) **10.00** Over the Moon (3058891) ***10.15*** *Sex Education (5434053)* ***10.40*** *Mathspy* (4698445) **11.00** Watch (s) (1518351) **11.15** West Africa (9143332) **11.35** Christianity *in* Today's World (2144508) **11.55** Sports-Science (4059614) **12.15 Q and A** (s) (1863121) **12.25** Lifeschool (s) (6379148) **12.50** Teaching Today (1906850) **1.20** Just-So Stories (77365459) **1.30** The Adventures of *Buzzy Bee and Friends* (85505324) **1.35** Pinny's House (85505324) **1.40** Art Work (70533362)
2.00 News *(Ceefax) and weather followed by* **You and Me** (r) (12310121) **2.15 Under Sail.** The story of the square rigger *Sea Cloud*, built in the 1930s as a wedding present for an heiress (r) (40956527)
2.30 See Hear! Magazine series for the hearing impaired (r) (s) (782)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (3936508) followed by **Westminster Live** introduced by Iain Macwhirter and John Cole (3081940)
3.50 Cricket continued from BBC1. Live coverage of the closing session of a Benson and Hedges Cup match. The commentators are Richie Benaud, Ray *Illingworth and Jack Bannister (s). Includes* **News** (Ceefax), *regional news and weather at* **3.55** (28783411)
7.45 Assignment: Whale Fever. Margaret Gilmore joins Norwegian whalers in the Arctic circle as they practice their harpooning skills after their country's lifting of the six-year moratorium on whaling (667184)
8.30 Delia Smith's Summer Collection. The cook demonstrates how to get the best from home-grown vegetables and fruit, including the recipe for English gooseberry cobbler. (Ceefax) (s) (1492)
9.00 Quantum Leap. Science fiction drama series starring Scott Bakula as a time-trapped scientist. *This week he is in the body of a police captain* investigating a macabre Malibu murder (Ceefax) (860411)
9.50 40 Minutes: Three Big Men. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (178343)
10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow (297237)



Andy Warhol and Frederick Hughes (11.15pm)

11.15 The Late Show Special: The War Over Warhol *(s). See Choice (357343)*
11.55 Weather (909512)
12.00 Velocity Diagrams. How engineering problems can be solved by using diagrams (8960589). Ends at **12.25am**

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CHOICE



Sumo men: Terry, Steve, George (BBC2, 9.50pm)

40 Minutes: Three Big Men
BBC2, 9.50pm

Steve, Terry and George are Britain's finest sumo wrestlers. *They could be our only sumo wrestlers for* when the national championship was held last year, they were the only entrants. And so on to Tokyo for the rather more serious business of trying to become world champions. It is an irresistible subject and Marc Munden's film does it full justice. To the basic absurdity of three patriotic Brits thinking they can beat *the Japanese at their own game is added the colour of* the individual characters. Steve is the loner, preferring huge greasy breakfasts to the company of other people, Terry a bluff London cabby and George a Geordie with so many tattoos *that* the Japanese take him for a gangster. Together they weigh 850lbs.

The Late Show: The War Over Warhol
BBC2, 11.15pm

Andy Warhol died unexpectedly, leaving no proper will, and disputes over his legacy have been going on ever since. Since his estate has been assessed at anything up to $600 million, the stakes are high. The Warhol Foundation's role is to help galleries and museums and among the benificiaries have been the London Tate and Royal Academy. But the history of the foundation has been dogged by allegations of incompetence and greed and expensive litigation. *James Kent's film tries to cut a clear path through the* labyrinth. It includes interviews with Frederick Hughes, Warhol's business genius, and the nattily-dressed Bronx lawyer Eddie Hayes, both of whom have been accused of mismanaging the estate.

Disappearing World: We Are All Neighbours
ITV, 10.40pm

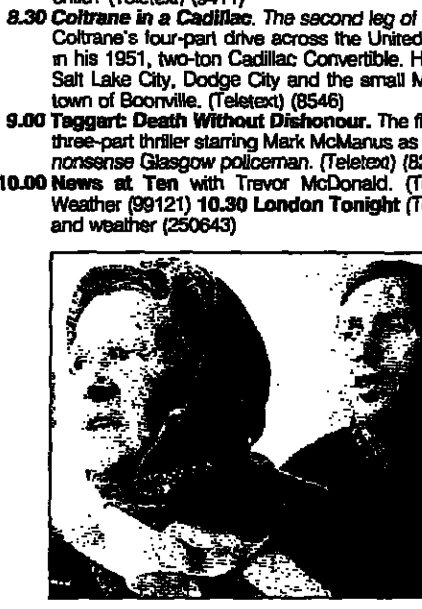
Yet another stab at illuminating the tragedy of Bosnia goes behind the fighting and the politics and shows the impact on one small village. For 40 years the *Muslim majority* and *the Croatian minority have lived* happily together and if individuals have their way this harmony will continue. But already the gunfire can be heard as the war creeps closer. As they see their people being slaughtered elsewhere the Muslims decide to set up a patrol to defend their homes. The threat is no longer the Serbs but the Croats, their neighbours in the village. *The film focuses on two families, one Muslim* and the other Croat, and shows how they are being sucked into the conflict. *The first step is no longer* speaking to each other. After that, who knows?

Without Walls
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Having "unclothed" the Princess of Wales a few weeks ago in this slot, Camille Paglia now attempts a similar exercise on Lolita. Or, to be more precise, the Lolita syndrome in general rather than Vladimir Nabokov's book in particular. Paglia's thesis is that since Freud we can no longer deny infant sexuality. Young girls are not necessarily sexless and saintly, *much as we might* like them to be so. The trouble is that we have still to *come to terms with the idea. Lolita is the last taboo.* Paglia's "we" does not include the French who seem to accept the notion with less difficulty. In the other *Without Walls* item the writer Paul Eddy discusses how far Peter Mayle's version of Provence resembles the truth.
Peter Waymark

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. The guests include Ian Reddington, Nick Conway and Tom Watt (6156904)
9.25 Lucky Ladders. *Word game* (s) (1788121) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (4306324)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . (4470343)
10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine (62490256)
12.10 Wizadora. Children's puppet series (r) (2424861)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Sonia Ruseler. (Teletext) Weather (8389817) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (75932633)
1.15 Home and Away. (Teletext) (967508) **1.45 *A Country Practice*** *(s)* (966879)
2.15 Travel UK. Valerie Singleton and Chris Packham visit unusual Landmark Trust holiday lets, enjoy a murder weekend at a Herefordshire hotel and look into reasonably priced London holiday accommodation. The guest Ruth Madoc tries the Center Parcs holiday village in Suffolk (s) (981188)
2.45 Families. *Soap set in the north of England and* Australia (s) (5131695)
3.10 ITN News headlines (3947614) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3946985) **3.20 Blockbusters.** General knowledge quiz for teenagers (s) (8055121)
3.50 The Gingerbread Man (r). (Teletext) (s) (4101695) ***4.00 The Raggy Dolls*** *(r) (s) (9526445)* ***4.15*** **The Dreamstone** (r) (s) (5896296) **4.40 Finders Keepers.** Fast-moving game show (1600459)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (4166430)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Teletext) Weather (121275)
6.00 London Tonight. (Teletext) (57633)
7.00 Emmerdale. *(Teletext) (3091)*
7.30 Dilly Down Town. Dilly Bramoh continues his celebration of the multicultural capital by spending a week in Jewish London (s) (701)
8.00 The Bill: Home to Roost. Is there a connection between an assault in Sun Hill market and a missing child? (Teletext) (9411)
8.30 Coltrane in a Cadillac. *The second leg of Robbie* Coltrane's four-part drive across the United States in his 1951, two-ton Cadillac Convertible. He visits Salt Lake City, Dodge City and the small Missouri town of Boonville. (Teletext) (8546)
9.00 Taggart: Death Without Dishonour. The first of a three-part thriller starring Mark McManus as the no-*nonsense* Glasgow policeman. (Teletext) (8256)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) Weather (99121) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (250643)

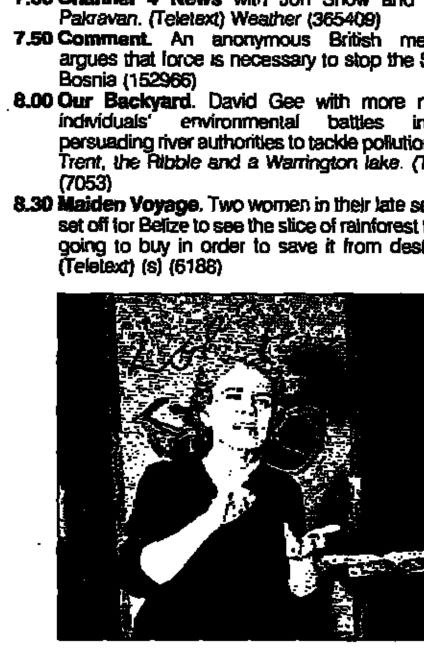


Primed for battle: Bosnian Muslims (10.40pm)

10.40 Disappearing World: War. (Teletext) See Choice (393850)
11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (329695)
12.30 Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 93. The build-up to the Indianapolis 500 (82183) **1.00 The Little Picture Show.** Film and video reviews (48947)
2.00 Film: Palooka (1934, b/w) starring Jimmy Durante. Comedy about the scheming manager of a naive *but talented boxer. Directed by Benjamin Stoloff* (923299)
3.40 The Twilight Zone: Welcome to Winfield. A tale of the supernatural (52332589)
4.00 The Beat (r) (s) (83541)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (53152)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Brenda Rowe (28473). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.15 I Love Lucy (b/w) (53169) **6.45 Spiff and Hercules** (8437508)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (20140)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Game show (s) (16898)
9.30 Schools (602527)
12.00 The Parliament Programme. A report by Anne Perkins on yesterday's business in both Houses (29362)
12.30 Sesame Street. Entertaining early-learning series (r) (59782) **1.30 Take 5.** The first of a new series of cartoon classics (s) (25915430)
1.55 Bird of Ill Omen. A *Survival documentary* about the rook, a bird of supposed ill-omen. The programme follows a pair from hatching to the young leaving the nest (25990121)
2.25 Channel 4 Racing from York. Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the Sotheby's Sledmere Stakes (2.30); the Paul Caddick and Macgay Sprint *Trophy Stakes Handicap (3.00); the Tattersalls* Musidora Stakes (3.35); and the Yorkshire Television Stakes Handicap (4.05) (131091)
4.20 Wise Men. The first of five programmes for Adult Education Week about men who have taken up education later on in life, beginning with Dave Easter, a one-time window cleaner, now a budding *playwright* (7072188)
4.30 Fifteen To One. Fast-moving general knowledge knock-out quiz. The question-master is William G. Stewart. (Teletext) (s) (614)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guests are two-income couples who find it difficult to make ends meet. (Teletext) (s) (7961256)
5.50 The Magic Roundabout. *Classic young children's* entertainment (646275)
6.00 Mork and Mindy. American comedy series starring Robin Williams and Pam Dawber (r) (879)
6.30 Eerie, Indiana. Surreal comedy set in a weird mid-American town (s) (459)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Shanaz *Pakravan. (Teletext)* Weather (365409)
7.50 Comment. An anonymous British mercenary argues that force is necessary to stop the Serbs in Bosnia (152966)
8.00 Our Backyard. David Gee with more news of *individuals' environmental battles including* persuading river authorities to tackle pollution on the *Trent, the Ribble and a Warrington lake. (Teletext)* (7053)
8.30 Maiden Voyage. Two women in their late seventies set off for Belize to see the slice of rainforest they are going to buy in order to save it from destruction. (Teletext) (s) (6188)



The Lolita syndrome: Camille Paglia (9.30pm)

9.00 Without Walls: Nightmare in Provence (1614) and, at **9.30 Lolita Unclothed.** (Teletext) See Choice (27492)
10.00 Film: Scanners (1981) starring Patrick McGoohan. Science fiction horror in the *Movie Nightmare* season about a group of mutant telepaths with the *ability to take over other people's minds. Directed* by David Cronenberg. (Teletext) (761633)
11.55 Dream On. Adult comedy about the love life of a divorced New York publisher (r). (Teletex) (s) (298256)
12.25am Wise Men. As 4.20pm (s) (9422657)
12.40 The Nat King Cole Show (b/w). The guest is singer Tony Bennett (3134831) Ends at **1.10**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (8055121) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (4166430) **6.00** Home and Away (918904) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (975411) **7.30-8.00** Countrywide (701) **12.35** Film: Banacek — Detour to Nowhere (999270) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (6142675) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (9865164) **4.10** Nite Bites (75269251) **4.30** Riviera (13410454) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (2308522)

BORDER
As London except: 3.20-3.50 Sons and Daughters (8055121) **6.00** Lookaround (237) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (817) **7.30-8.00** Ronan on the Road (701) **12.35** Film: *Banacek — Detour to Nowhere (999270)* **2.20** The Little Picture Show (6142675) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (9865164) **4.10** Nite Bites (75269251) **4.30** Riviera (13410454) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (2308522)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (967508) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (966879) **3.20-3.50** *Shortland Street* (8055121) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (4166430) **6.00** Home and Away (918904) **6.25-7.00** Central News (975411) **7.30-8.00** Heart of the Country (701) **11.40** Kojak (701140) **12.35** Film: Let 'Em Have It (999270) **2.20** The Big E (5421270) **3.15** Sport AM (594947) **4.15** *Jobfinder (3432788)* **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (6738541)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (967508) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (966879) **2.45-3.10** Gardener's Diary (5131695) **3.20-3.50** Sons and Daughters (8055121) **5.10-5.40** Dinosaurs (4166430) **6.00** Home and Away (237) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (817) **7.30-8.00** The Big *Green Boat Show* (701) **12.35** *Film:* Banacek — Detour to Nowhere (999270) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (6142675) **3.20** ITV Chart *Show (9865164)* **4.10** *Nite Bites (75269251)* **4.30** Riviera (13410454) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (2308522)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Blockbusters (966879) **3.20-3.50** The Sullivans (8055121) **6.00** HTV News (237) **6.30-7.00** Fit to Win (817) **7.30-8.00** Country Watch (701) **12.35** Film: Banacek — Detour to Nowhere (George Peppard, Christine Belford, Ed Nelson) (999270) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (6142675) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (9865164) **4.10** Nite Bites (75269251) **4.30** *Riviera* (13410454) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00 Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** *Three's* Company **7.30-8.00** Welsh Fashion Awards

MERIDIAN
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (8055121) **6.00** *Meridian Tonight* (237) **6.30-7.00** *Blockbusters (817)* **7.30-8.00** Loud and Clear (701) **10.40** Laughing Gas '93 (520966) **11.10** Disappearing World (193072) **12.10-12.30** Coach (7336560) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (53152)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (8055121) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (802966) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (817) **7.30-8.00** Billy (701) **11.40** Tour of Duty (701140) **12.35** *Comedy Tonight* (6559096) **1.00** The Little Picture Show (48947) **2.00** Sledge Hammer (59541) **2.30** 60 Minutes (9739102) **3.25** *Countdown* (3463724) **4.25-5.30** Jobfinder (7076763)

ULSTER
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Fair City (966879) **3.20-3.50** Movies, Movies, Movies (8055121) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six (993782) **7.30-8.00** McGilloway's Way (701) **10.40** How the League Was Won (520966) **11.10** Disappearing World (193072) **12.10** The Twilight Zone (7327812) **12.35** Film: Banacek — Detour to Nowhere (George Peppard, Christine Belford, Ed Nelson) (999270) **2.20** The Little Picture Show *(6142675)* **3.20** *ITV Chart Show (9865164)* **4.10** Nite Bites (75269251) **4.30** Riviera (13410454) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (2308522)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 3.20-3.50 A Country Practice (8055121) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (57633) **7.30-8.00** *Brief Encounters* (701) **12.35** Film: Banacek — Detour to Nowhere (999270) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (6142675) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (9865164) **4.10** Nite Bites (75269251) **4.30** Riviera (35812) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (53152)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (8055121) **5.55** Calendar (802966) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (817) **7.30-8.00** Wednesday — Echoes of 66 (701) **11.40** Tour of Duty (701140)

S4C
Starts: 9.30 Ysgolion (602527) **12.00** The Parliament Programme (29362) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (47256) **1.00** Sesame Street (35411) **2.00** Foul Smell of Success (49449527) **2.25** Channel 4 Racing (131091) **4.20** Wreck of the Julie Plante (1678850) **4.25** *Slot 23* (7989879) **5.00** Fifteen to One (8169) **5.30** Moviewatch (966) **6.00** Newyddion (354782) **6.10** Heno (261695) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (1633) **7.30** Mwy O Swigs (343) **8.00** Steileto (7053) **8.30** Newyddion (272625) **8.55** Resus (153072) **9.45** Short and Curlies (931121) **10.00** The Golden Palace (20091) **10.30** The Beiderbecke Affair (37701) **11.30** Viva Cabaret (617362) **12.10** Without Walls (7938218) **1.05-1.20** Wise Men (3003788)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (46312275) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (4399782) **9.10** Cartoons (6353527) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (76782) **10.00** Card Sharks (6922817) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (8566986) **10.30** Concentration (45324) **11.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (40166) **11.30** Falcon Crest (49782) **12.30pm** E Street (87898) **1.00** Another World (6427633) **1.45** Santa Barbara (504053) **2.15** Sally Jessy Raphael (275324) **3.15** Diff'rent Strokes (525546) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (8485512) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (2904) **6.00** Games World (5558) **6.30** E Street (4850) **7.00** Rescue (3633) **7.30** Family Ties (3362) **8.00** Murphy Brown (9053) **8.30** Anything But Love (8188) **9.00** *The Trials of Rosie O'Neill (38546)* ***10.00*** Designing Women (60633) **10.30** Star Trek: The Next Generation (86091) **11.30** Night *Court (31782)* ***12.00*** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (71459) **6.30** News and Business Report (298362) **9.30** Nightline (74324) **10.00** Dayline (33140) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (27782) **11.30** Business Report *(47324)* **12.30pm** News *and* Business Report (38898) **1.30** Good Morning America (39527) **2.30** Parliament Live (4119879) **3.15** Parliament Live (9722275) **4.30** News and Business Report (3575) **5.00** Live at Five (63121) **6.30** News and Business Report (57140) **7.30** Target *(1904)* ***10.30*** *Nightline* (84633) **11.30** ABC News (54904) **12.30am** Beyond 2000 (20367) **1.30** ABC News (77742) **2.30** Target (49522) **3.30** ABC News (39725) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (75305)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (5798701)
10.00 For Your Eyes Only (1981). Roger Moore plays James Bond (88653256)
12.10pm A Separate Peace (1972): Drama about teenagers in 1942 (830643)
2.00 Charlie Chan and the Curse of the Dragon Queen (1981). Peter Ustinov stars as the Oriental detective (22985)
4.00 The Last Escape (1970): Stuart Whitman tries to smuggle a scientist out of Germany (33726985)
5.50 For Your Eyes Only (as 10am) (72236275)
8.00 Boyz N the Hood (1991): Drama about three friends growing up in Los Angeles. With *Larry Fishburne (14968)*
10.00 Delta Force 3: The Killing Game (1991): An elite group of commandos tries to *abduct an Arab leader (285527)*
11.40 The Adventures of Ford Fairlane (1990) Comedian Andrew Dice Clay plays *the Los Angeles private eye (312701)*
1.25am Year of the Gun (1991): Andrew McCarthy investigates the Red Brigade *terrorists. With Sharon Stone (942638)*
3.20 The Mafia Kid (1988): A Brooklyn hood wants to be a boxing champion (978034)
5.00 Abby My Love *(1989)*: A teenage girl is haunted by her father's sexual abuse (2433831). Ends at **5.45**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Raid on Rommel *(1971).* Wartime adventure with Richard Burton (83411)
8.00 Outland (1981): Sean Connery as a *marshal on Jupiter's third moon (68576)*
10.00 Who's That Knocking at My Door (1968): Martin Scorsese's debut film set in *New York's Little Italy (55459). Ends at 11.30*

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am A Dog's Best Friend (1960): A boy befriends a former army dog (9625782)
7.20 Frankenstein Meets the Wolfman (1943, b/w): Starring Lon Chaney Jr and Bela Lugosi (2039053)
8.40 Snow White and the Seven Dwarves (1987). Live action tale (1593695)
10.10 Man of La Mancha (1972) Peter *O'Toole stars as Don Quixote (88268817)*
12.25pm The Lives of a Bengal Lancer (1935): Adventure in India (405053)
2.20 Waiting for the Light (1990): *Medium* Shirley MacLaine brings light relief to the 1962 Cuban missile crisis (264053)
4.00 Snow White and the Seven Dwarves (as 8.40am) (5850)
6.00 Dead on the Money (1991): Corbin Bernsen courts *Amanda Pays (33091)*
8.00 Cast a Deadly Spell (1992): Private eye Fred Ward is hired to find a book of black magic (12508)
10.00 Flatliners (1990): Medical students experiment with death. Starring Kiefer Sutherland and Julia Roberts (394985)
11.55 Dance with Death (1991) A reporter works undercover in a strip bar (315898)
1.40am Tell Me That You Love Me, Junie Moon (1970). Tragi-comedy (38489541)
4.00 The Lonely Guy (1984): Steve Martin as a bachelor (58270). Ends at **5.30**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Morning Stretch (93546) **7.00** The Big League (73940) **9.00** Stretch (13324) **9.30** Indy 500 Practice (40966) **10.00** FA Premier League Football (568546) **1.00pm** Tennis: Italian Open (1381817) **5.30** WWF Challenge (49633) **6.30** Indy 500 Practice (8409) **7.00** Watersports (74362) **8.00** Red Line (50782) **9.00** The Footballers' Football Show (70546) **10.00** Soccer News (525879) **10.03** German League Football (28324) **12.00** Indy 500 Practice (92096) **12.30-2.30am** Tennis: Italian Open (37454)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (29459) **8.00** Benson and Hedges Golf (76879) **10.00** ATP Tennis *(55838)* ***12.00*** *Eurogoals (59385)* **1.00pm** Figure Skating (90459) **3.00** Funboard (15121) **4.00** Sailing (34256) **5.00** Eurogoals *(9072)* ***6.00*** *Eurofun (4695)* ***6.30*** *Eurosport* News (8275) **7.00** Basketball (20188) **9.00** Boxing (55237) **11.00** Snooker (19072) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (87164)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (35552121) **6.15** Jamie and the Magic Torch (35580904) **6.30** Jem (1676275) **7.00** Beverly Hills Teens (3621891) **7.30** Neighbours (2321296) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (8123053) **8.30** EastEnders (8122324) **9.00** The Bill (8146904) **9.30** When the Boat Comes In (8558237) **10.30** Casualty (5490074) **11.30** No Place Like Home (6421343) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (8128140) **12.30pm** Neighbours *(2021169)* ***1.00*** *EastEnders (4071332)* **1.30** The Bill (2013140) **2.00** Going Straight (4225053) **2.30** Bread (4614582) **3.00** Dallas (6432459) **4.00** Dynasty (6411956) **5.00** Blankety Blank (4249632) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (4665850) **6.00** Neighbours (4515091) ***6.30*** *When the Boat Comes In (5802258)* **7.30** Going Straight (4602527) **8.00** EastEnders (4245817) **8.30** Bread (4224304) ***9.00*** *Casualty (4921121)* ***10.00*** *The Bill* (8134169) **10.30** Life Without George (8143817) **11.00** Kenny Everett (6347635) **11.20** *Dr Who (2638121)* **12.00** *Film: Having a Wonderful Time (1938, b/w) (78565831)* **1.15-2.00am** Video Bites (3682367)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (60940) **7.00** Ratkan II (90546) **9.00** Jack in the Box (42411) **11.00** Stones Without Words (58850) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (66879) **12.00** Secret Valley (87689) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (89879) **2.00** Stones Without Words (8121) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (4411) **3.00** Bobobobs (4041053) **3.25** Ratkan II (98591121) **5.00** Purgwall's Summer (2701) ***5.30*** *Saved by the Bell (5527)* **6.00-7.00** Fame (92343)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University. Educating Immigrants — A *Dutch View* ***6.55*** *Weather*
7.00 On Air: Tartini (Sonata in F, Op 1 No 2), Suk (Fantasy in G minor, Op 24); Borodin (Polovtsian Dances, Prince *Igor*): Haydn (Symphony No 66 in B flat)
9.00 Composer of the Week: *Handel (Belshazzar, Act 2:* English Concert and Choir under Trevor Pinnock)
10.00 Hits of the Sixties: The novelist A.S. Byatt talks about *the song "Eleanor Rigby"*
10.10 Morning Sequence. Brubeck (They all sang Yankee Doodle); *Marsalis (Father* Time); Stravinsky (Ebony Concerto); Percy Grainger (Fantasy on Gershwin's Porgy and Bess), Copland, arr *Hunsberger (Quiet City)*; Morton Gould (Interplay); Marsalis (Twilight); Bernstein (Symphonic Dances, West Side Story)
12.00 Utrecht '92 (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 BBC Welsh SO under Grant *Llewellyn performs Grace* Williams (Sea Sketches), Lalo (Cello Concerto in D minor); Beethoven (Symphony No 3 in E flat, Eroica)
2.50 BBC Festival of Brass: Sun Life Band under Roy Newsome. Arnold (Fantasy for Brass Band); Philip Grange (Lowry Dreamscape); Golland *(Aria), McCabe (Images,* under Bryan Hurdley); Lloyd (Diversions on a bass theme)
3.50 My Heart Swims in Blood. Emma Kirkby, soprano: London Baroque under Charles Medlam perform two cantata settings by Bach and Graupner of the same text by Georg Christian Lehms
4.30 Bluebird Blues: Francis Wilford-Smith concludes his survey of blues music on the Bluebird label
5.00 In Tune, with Anthony Burton, whose guest is the conductor Hugh Wolff
7.30 Pebble Mill: Live from Studio One, Birmingham, Raglan Baroque Players under Nicholas Kraemer perform Telemann (Ouverture des *nations anciens et modernes*); Locatelli (Violin Concerto in E, Op 3 No 4); Vivaldi (Concerto in B minor for four violins and cello, RV580). **8.15** Architect Michael Graves talks about his contribution to Disneyland (r). **8.35** Locatelli (Violin Concerto in A, Op 3 No 11); *Vivaldi* (Concerto in G, RV146; Sinfonia in E flat, RV130, Sonata al Santo Sepolcro); Bach (Concerto in D minor for two violins, BWV 1043)
9.30 The Message: The second of four programmes exploring the *philosophies of the 1960s. Kim* Knott talks to Allen Ginsberg about the impact of Hindu and Buddhist ideas
9.55 Oboe and Piano: Gordon Hunt, oboe, and Philip Jenkins, piano, perform Saint-Saëns (Sonata in D); Poulenc (Sonata); *Berkeley (Sonatina)*; Dutilleux (Sonata)
10.45 Night Waves, presented by Philip Dodd
11.30 Great Masters Restored: In the last of six programmes, London Classical Players under Roger Norrington perform Wagner *(Overture, Der Fliegende Holländer)*; Brahms (Symphony No 1 in C minor)
12.30am News
12.35-12.45 Hits of the Sixties (r)
1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)
2.30-3.00 Night School Extra: Featuring Spanish 12-14: *El fantasma* (5-8)

RADIO 4

5.55am *Shipping Forecast* ***6.00*** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** *Weather*
9.00 News
9.05 Call Nick Ross: 071-580 4444. Lines open from 8am
10.00-10.30 A Journal of a Tour to the Hebrides (FM only): The last of six programmes in which Martyn Wiley and Ian *McMillan follow in the* footsteps of Dr Samuel Johnson and James Boswell
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 **Something Understood** (LW only): A selection of poetry on the theme of childhood
10.30 Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray meets Uta Bellion, the first woman chair of Greenpeace International. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 All in the Mind, with Professor Anthony Clare. Includes a discussion on the rights and wrongs of treating *psychiatric patients with drugs*
12.00 News; You and Yours, with John Howard
12.25pm Quote . . . Unquote: Nigel Rees hosts the quotation *game* ***12.55*** *Weather*
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers *(r)* ***1.55*** *Shipping*
2.00 News; Thirty-Minute Theatre: Dancing with Jaques, by Eric Pringle. London, 1959. A young girl's first night as a prostitute ends in a ghostly encounter. With Alice Arnold and John Evitts
2.30 *Richard Baker Compares* Notes, with the conductor Iris Lemare (r)
3.00-4.00 Tuesday Lives (FM only): See Choice
3.00 News; Prime Minister's Questions (LW only)
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope *talks to the author* David Malouf; and visits the Chesil Gallery's Henry Moore exhibition
4.45 Short Story: Finn Blood, by Jonas Lie. Read by Stephen Tomlin
5.00 PM, with Wendy Austin and Chris Lowe ***5.50*** *Shipping* Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The House: Christopher Lee's political drama. With Julian Glover and Siobhan Redmond (4/6) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers (r)
7.20 File on 4: *The Fear of Living* Dangerously. In the first of a new series, Brian Crawford investigates the young generation of violent *lawbreakers*
8.00 Science Now (r)
8.30 The New Recruit: The work of casting directors, including old hand Joyce Nettles and *fledgling Caroline Dumas*
8.45 In Touch: Peter White with news, views and information for people with a visual handicap
9.15 Kaleidoscope *(r)*
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Roger White **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: *Day* Trips to the Desert, by Geoff Nicholson. Bill Nighy reads the second of five parts
11.00 Stanza: In the first of a new poetry series, Andrew McAllister meets the poet and critic Clive James. Clive James also talks to fellow Australian Les Murray
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Tuesday Lives. *Radio 4 (FM only). 3.00pm.*
Ghost writers are not unknown on radio. Ghost broadcasters are somewhat rarer. One of the features in this week's *Tuesday Lives* is about a Mrs Doreen Dunstan who claims to be in constant contact *with a 14th-century monk.* She says she even shared a trolley with him at the local supermarket. When she had a stroke, the ghost used her *friend* as a means of communication. His voice was tape-recorded, and we hear it this afternoon. Mrs Dunstan does not sound at all like a leg-puller. What *are* we supposed to make of it all?

Tuning In: The Twenties. *Radio 2, 10.00pm.*
Commendably, Andrew Palitti Johnston, *who produced this decade*-by-decade history of radio, has not let a professional critic get within a mile of it. All the memories *come from* "ordinary" listeners. They have been well chosen; not a bland word from any of them. Tonight, it is the cat's whisker decade, when headphones were placed in pudding basins to amplify the sound, when listeners thrilled to Morse code *transmissions,* and a New Year's eve dance band became audibly tiddlier as the night wore on.
Peter Davalle

RADIO 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m; FM-97.6-99.8. **RADIO 2:** FM-88-90.2. **RADIO 3:** FM-90.2-92.4. **RADIO 4:** 198kHz/1515m; FM-92.4-94.6. **RADIO 5:** 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. **LBC:** 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. **CAPITAL:** 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.8. **GLR:** 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9; **WORLD SERVICE:** MW 648kHz/463m. **CLASSIC FM:** FM-100-102. **VIRGIN:** MW-1215, 1197, 1242 kHz.
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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** *Jakki Brambles* **3.00** Steve Wright **5.00** News '93 **5.30** Mark Goodier's Evening Session **8.30** Loose Talk (r) **9.00** Depeche Mode *(r)* **10.00** Nicky Campbell **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** *Pause for Thought* **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Mr Finchley Takes the Road (5/6) **7.30** Hayes Over Britain **9.00** Brannigan: A Voice to Remember. David Wilmott recalls the Geordie singer Owen Brannigan ***10.00*** *Tuning In: See Choice* **10.30** Debbie Greenwood and Paul Cole **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm. 6.00am** World Service **6.30** Danny Baker **9.00** Schools: Infant Science — See for Yourself, **9.15** *First Steps in Drama;* ***9.35*** *Wordplay;* ***9.45*** *Singing Together;* **10.05** Time to Move **10.25** Wiggly Park **10.30** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** Hatches, Matches and Dispatches **1.00** News **1.10** BFBS Worldwide **2.30** A Game of Two Halves, incl Racing from York: **3.00** Paul Caddick and MacGay Sprint Trophy. **3.35** *Tattersalls Musidora Stakes.* ***4.05*** *Yorkshire Television Stakes* **4.30** Five Aside **6.30** The Mall (4/14) **7.15** Hard Cash **7.30** Talking Poetry **8.00** Cult *Radio* **9.30** *X Minus One* **10.10** Earshot **12.00-12.10am** News, Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST. 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** *Morgenmagazin; Tips für Touristen* **5.30** Londres Matin **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** The Godfather of Soul **8.00** News **8.30** New Ideas **8.50** Whatever Happened To .. **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Concert Hall **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Around the World in 80 Minutes **10.30** The Learning World **10.45** *Sports Roundup* **11.00** News ***11.01*** *Discovery* **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** News **12.30pm** Megamix **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 1 **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: Falling **3.45** World Bandstand **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English ***4.29*** *News in French* **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Londres Soir **6.00** News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Meridian **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Megamix **11.45** *Sports Roundup* ***Midnight*** *News* ***12.05am*** *World Business Report* **12.15** Concert Hall **1.00** News **1.30** Omnibus **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Sound Business **2.45** Country Style **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Development '93 **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sport

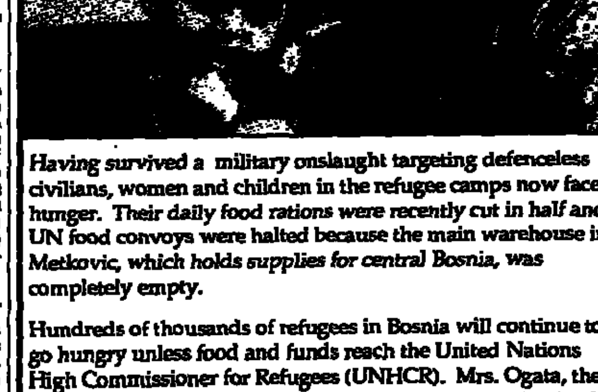
CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Haydn (Concerto in E flat for Two Horns) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Classic Opera Guide **8.00** Evening Concert: Haydn and Mozart **10.00** Adrian Love **1.00-6.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am *Russ Williams* ***10.00*** *Richard Skinner* **1.00pm** Mitch Johnson **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Jonathan Coleman **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00** Wendy Lloyd

FOOD AID FOR BOSNIA



Having survived a military onslaught targeting defenceless civilians, women and children in the refugee camps now face hunger. *Their daily food rations were recently cut in half* and UN food convoys were halted because the main warehouse in Metkovic, *which holds supplies for central Bosnia,* was completely empty.

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Row between Border and McDermott overshadows final day

Australians spin out fifth win

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

TAUNTON (final day of three): Australians beat Somerset by 35 runs

AN ABBREVIATED game and a contrived target did not detract from the entertainment value yesterday. The Australians won an engrossing contest with six overs to spare, eight wickets were shared by the two spin bowlers and, to prove there was nothing frivolous about the occasion, an audible spat occurred between their captain and strike bowler.

The touring team's record now reads, played five, won five, and the positive approach adopted here paid a handsome compliment to the effects of the Tetley Bitter sponsorship. Money talks, like it or not, and the Australians now have an eye on the £50,000 jackpot for winning ten first-class games against the counties.

Results like this, achieved from an unpromising position, work wonders for morale in the early weeks of a tour and the manner of victory will certainly figure far higher in the Australians' priorities than an overblown exchange of opinions between Allan Border and Craig McDermott.

This flashpoint followed an unhappy new-ball spell by McDermott from the old pavilion end. His first over cost 14 runs and contained three no-balls and he was clearly struggling to recapture the rhythm he had shown from the other end on Sunday.

After three overs, Border trotted across towards McDermott, presumably to discuss whether he should switch ends. The frustrated bowler continued to walk away, which understandably annoyed his captain. What happened next was indiscreet at worst, commonplace at best.

Border's language was abrupt and immoderate, but it was the type of altercation that occurs several times a day, especially between a combustible captain and an overheated fast bowler.

It would probably have gone no further but for the fact that it took place close to the boundary, within range of the effects microphones of Australia's Channel Seven TV. They picked up Border issuing an empty threat to put McDermott "on the next plane home", a comment that has now been broadcast around Australia.

Long before the end of the day, the two protagonists were enjoying a joke together and they, like the rest of their team, will doubtless be flabbergasted that, through the mixed blessings of modern technology, such a triviality should overshadow a game played in impeccable spirit throughout.

Border had the option of trying to impose the follow-on when play resumed but, after considering the position overnight, he came to an arrangement with his opposite number, Chris Tavaré, involving two declarations and an agreed target.

The Australian openers put on 40 but both were fortunate to survive an impressive burst from Andy Caddick, who believed he had Taylor caught behind by Burns and certainly had Slater dropped by the same player. Bob Cottam, Somerset's coach, has asked Keith Fletcher, the England manager, to spare Caddick the one-day internationals, keeping him fresh for the Ashes series. He is likely to be disappointed.

Mark Lathwell will not feature in the Texaco Trophy party, however, and has not been at his best in this match. Yesterday, his footwork failed him and he managed 15 before driving unconvincingly against an outswinger from Hughes.

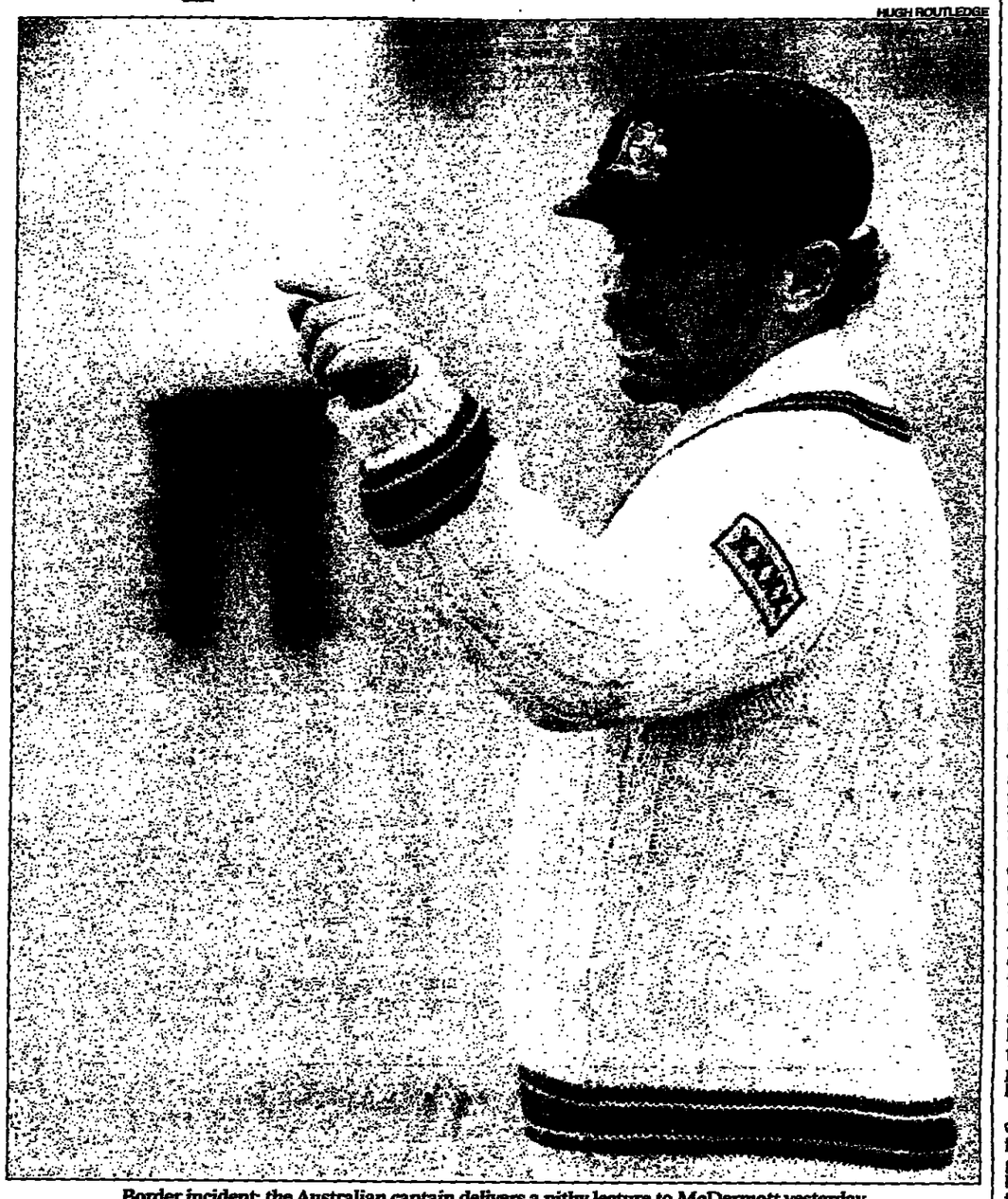
Set to score 321 from what became 84 overs, Somerset sighted their first win over the Australians since 1977 after stands of 98 and 52 for the next two wickets. They were up with the required rate and immeasurably helped by the modest threat posed by both McDermott and Hughes. Both are to play again at Hove on Thursday and, on this evidence, they need to.

More encouragement for the Australians came in the form of their slow bowlers. Tim May has been here before, but he looks a greatly improved off-spinner now. As for Shane Warne, any 23-year-old who has already won three Test Matches commands respect and he can now add Somerset to the list of teams bemused, bothered and bewildered by his wrist-spin varieties.

Warne suffered heavy punishment from Graeme Hick at Worcester last week, when the short boundaries, a misguided line and a batsman in inspired form conspired against him. He has been a different proposition at Taunton, where the ball turned enough to encourage him through his full repertoire, and innings figures of four for 77 did not flatter him at all.

The crucial wicket was that of Tavaré, caught at slip off the perfect leg-break delivered from round the wicket. Andy Hayhurst's correct and resolute 89 ended when Warne bowled him round his legs and Somerset, laudably continuing the pursuit, were spun to their fate.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Border incident: the Australian captain delivers a pithy lecture to McDermott yesterday

AUSTRALIANS: First Innings 431 (M J Slater 122, M E Waugh 68, A R Border 54; A P van Troost 4 for 89).

Second Innings

M A Taylor not out	18
M J Slater not out	12
Extras (b 1, lb 1, nb 8)	10
Total (no wkt dec)	40

BOWLING: Caddick 6-1-14-0; van Troost 5-1-16-0; Kerr 0.3-0-8-0.

SOMERSET: First Innings 151 for 4 dec (C J Tavaré 62; Bowling: McDermott 10-2-38-2; Hughes 15-3-63-0; M E Waugh 6-0-17-0; May 10-2-23-1; Warne 6-3-5-1).

Second Innings

A N Hayhurst b Warne	89
M N Lathwell c Zoehrer b Hughes	15
R J Harden c Boon b May	34
*C J Tavaré c Taylor b Warne	31
N A Folland st Zoehrer b Warne	32
†N D Burns run out	6
K A Parsons c McDermott b May	1
J I D Kerr c Hughes b May	12
A R Caddick c McDermott b May	13
A P van Troost c S R Waugh b Warne	8
H R J Trump not out	0
Extras (b 17, lb 9, nb 18)	44
Total	285

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-37, 2-135, 3-187, 4-218, 5-231, 6-245, 7-253, 8-274, 9-284.

BOWLING: McDermott 14-0-72-0; Hughes 11-2-32-1; M E Waugh 1-0-3-0; May 23-5-73-4; Warne 28-6-77-4.

Umpires: K E Palmer and D R Shepherd.

Essex, the county champions, lost their first match of the season yesterday, going down to Yorkshire at Chelmsford by 239 runs. Resuming on 98 for one in pursuit of 455, they lost seven wickets before lunch and were all out for 215. Paul Jarvis, the acting Yorkshire captain, took four wickets for 76 runs, including those of Gooch, Salim Malik and Hussain in the space of 15 balls. Craig White took three for nine.

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England place health above success

By Richard Eaton

ENGLAND will put health before sporting ambition by using bats inferior to those of the 86 other nations in the world table tennis championships starting in Gothenburg today.

The council of the English Table Tennis Association (ETTA) has decided that the risks of cancer, brain damage and death from prolonged exposure to toxic substances are too great to allow its players to use "fast" glues.

Originally employed merely to attach the rubber face to the wooden blade, these are now known to increase the ball's speed off the bat by up to 20 per cent.

That can be a decisive advantage and, according to Donald Parker, the England manager, "it will be like competing at Wimbledon with a wooden racket" for some of his players.

"The national council has taken a pioneering stance because it believes the health dangers are too great," Alan Ransome, chairman of the association, said.

However, the International Table Tennis Federation disagrees. Every other country's players will be allowed to select from glues considered safe by the federation.

Carl Prean, the national champion, who uses fast glue on one side of his bat, and the former national champions, Alan Cooke and Fiona Mommessin, feel the ETTA council has shot its team in the foot.

France and Scotland have adopted similar stances but have allowed dispensation for this event. When Parker appealed to the council to do likewise, he was turned down.

It is surprising that that the council has failed to show flexibility for just one event, given that its players have been using these substances for years. So upset is Desmond Douglas, the 11-times former English champion, that he has now refused to act as reserve in case of injury.

"It's ridiculous scare-mongering," Douglas said. "Decisions involving the livelihood of professionals should not be made by amateur councillors who only represent the game from the counties. They should be taken by the management committee."

Barnet to face enquiry about payments

By John Goodbody

THE problems of Barnet Football Club continue. Despite being promoted from the third division, it will today face a Football League enquiry in London into an alleged breach of regulations "relating to a payment to a player".

A three-man board of directors' commission will interview representatives of the club, which has been in turmoil throughout the season, during which its chairman, Stan Flashman, has resigned and its long-serving manager, Barry Fry, has left the club.

A Football League spokesman yesterday declined to say whether the alleged breach occurred during Flashman's tenure as chairman. The club faces at best a reprimand or more likely a fine from the commission. There has to be a serious breach of regulations for the club to be deducted points.

When the new board of directors took over from Flashman on March 31, it had a mounting series of debts. But exactly how much money the club owed, and also why it owed the money, few people have seemed to know, and those who may have known have not been prepared to talk.

However, the money certainly included £50,000, which the club was fined by the league last November for failing to keep proper records and for irregular payments to players.

Until the new board was appointed, many of the players had suffered shortfalls in their wages or their money was paid late.

When Flashman resigned, he cited ill-health and said he would dispose of his shares. He dismissed Fry for the seventh time but did not have time to reinstate him before leaving himself.

Robert Woolfson, the new chairman and a chartered accountant, was joined on the new Barnet board by Malcolm Ozin, an estate agent, and Andrew Needleman, a solicitor.

The board's first action was to reappoint Fry but he left the club the next day for Southend.

Fry said at the time: "I was not happy with the new set-up. They are just plastering over the old cracks."

Old lags may be better bet than young lions



Thorpe: shotmaker

By Alan Lee

PITY the England selectors. The men responsible for any amount of public fuss last winter now find themselves in an impossible position as they meet this evening to pick their first England party of the summer.

The reason is that the need to restructure the team, candidly admitted by the chairman, Ted Dexter, conflicts with an itinerary in which three one-day internationals precede an Ashes series.

Doubtless there are those who prefer the huff and puff of the limited-overs games to the real thing. But the circumstances in which England's selectors find themselves reinforce the case for playing the Texaco Trophy at the end of the summer, when it can have no effect on thinking for the five-day matches.

As it is, the selectors face a choice between old lags and young lions, and they will be criticised whatever they do.

The party of 13, to be named tomorrow, need bear little resemblance to the squad for the first Test next month. Too much, though, is often read into performances in the Texaco Trophy, which can work both against a potential Test player and in favour of the bits-and-pieces man.

Mark Lathwell, at 21 a batsman of great potential, might be chosen, fail twice and suffer either rejection or more pressure in the Test series. Conversely, Derek Pringle could be included, produce his usual solid one-day form and, as has happened in the past, be retained on false pretences.

The shame and anger over the Indian tour means the public will dissect this first selection. Dexter and his panel not only need to get it right but also to clarify whatever strategy they settle on. This is not the moment for revolution. The one-day games should be treated as separate and players picked who are accomplished at the art. Exposing youngsters who may well have a significant part to play in the Test series, can be counter-productive.

Seven names will be written down automatically, five of them batsmen. This leaves only two batting places to fill and, setting aside Lathwell for later duties, they should come from Mark Ramprakash, Nasser Hussain and Graham Thorpe. All are shotmakers, all have plenty of representative experience and, importantly, all are fine fielders.

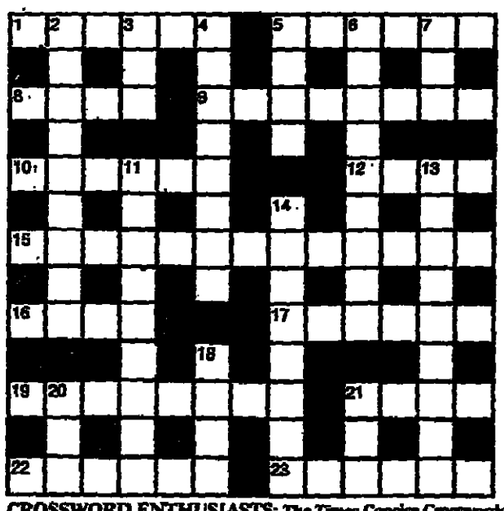
The bowling will take longer. Much longer. Chris Lewis and Paul Jarvis are inked in and it is a case of perming four from 17 or 18 to complete the squad.

Arguments can be made for any number. Andy Caddick and Mark Ilott might easily be included on their undoubted credentials for the Ashes Tests, but it makes sense to keep their powder dry for the occasions that matter. Tim Munton's accuracy and Dominic Cork's versatility fit the bill.

There is room for one old hand and it might as well be Ian Botham, who is as good a one-day bowler as either Pringle or Dermot Reeve and a far better batsman. The spin place is likely to go to someone safe and unexciting — John Emburey or Richard Illingworth — but on the premise that slow bowling does win one-day games, how much better it would be to include either Phil Tufnell or Ian Salisbury.

My 13 would be: Gooch, Stewart, Smith, Hick, Fairbrother, Ramprakash, Thorpe, Lewis, Cork, Botham, Munton, Jarvis, Salisbury.





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21 Ache (4)
22 Mean (6)
23 Cabling (6)

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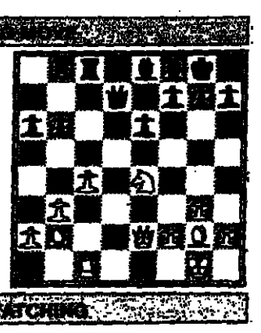
CHESS

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is a variation from the game Khalifman — Aseev, USSR 1984. With the aid of a sacrifice, white opened up the black king and delivered a quick mate. Can you see how this was achieved?

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WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

POETICALS
NORMAN'S WOE
a. Requiem at Senlac
b. A reef
c. Guernsey fishermen

SKEELY SKIPPER
a. A rare butterfly
b. Scottish marbles champion
c. A capable captain

OLD SUPERB
a. An Islay single malt
b. Thackeray's name for Shakespeare
c. A battleship

REXETER
a. Modern name for Viroconium
b. The Master of Exeter College, Oxford
c. A curly-coated rabbit

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